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B. E. S. T. STRIKE CALLED OFF

New Mayor's Intervention Tells

ARRESTED LEADERS TO BE RELEASED

Understanding Reached After Consultations With Police Commissioner

The lightning strike of the B E S T drivers and conductors which followed immediately after the arrest of their Union leaders on Saturday has been called off from today, Tuesday.

On the basis of an honourable understanding reached on the intervention of Dr. J. A. DeSouza, the newly elected Mayor of Bombay, the B E S T Workers' Union has advised the strikers to resume their duty from Tuesday morning.

Secretary's Statement

The General Secretary of the Union in the course of a statement to the Press says:

"The B.E.S.T. workers have conducted a peaceful and disciplined struggle for the last two days. The B.E.S.T. Workers Union has now advised the workers to call off the strike on the basis of the understanding reached at the intervention of His Worship, the Mayor of Bombay, Dr. J. A. D'Souza.

A deputation of some representatives of the Union waited upon the Mayor and put forward only three conditions on behalf of the workers: 1. Release of all persons arrested since 7th morning including Mr. Abidali Jaferbhai, President of the Union, and Mr. Hifazat Rasool, Gn. Organiser. Secondly, no victimisation and the notice served by the Company on the workers' to be withdrawn.

The representatives were informed by the Mayor, after consultation with Police Commissioner and the Officers of the Company that these demands were acceptable with one important proviso namely that the Company is determined to discharge about 25 workers whom the company regards as undesirable. The Mayor, ex-Mayor, Mr. Nagindas Master and Mr. S. K. Patil, Gen. Secretary B.P.C.C. gave us to understand that they themselves resented this condition. However they advised the workers to resume in view of the inconvenience caused to the public. They also assured us that no efforts would be spared to save these workers from victimisation and all help would be given to them.

STRIKE CALLED OFF

"Although the Union cannot accept the principle of victimisation of workers and cannot bear the idea of sacrificing the workers in this manner, in the interests of the public and in view of the assurances given by three eminent citizens of Bombay, the Union decided to advise the workers to resume work from tomorrow. An open mass meeting of the workers held last evening before the Corporation unanimously decided to accept the advice of the Union. The Union will, of course, use all legal and constitutional means to fight against any victimisation.

"We congratulate the workers for the peaceful, disciplined and united manner in which they conducted the strike with such suffering and sacrifice and thank them for accepting our decision. In the end we must also thank the Mayor, Dr. D'Souza, Mr. Nagindas Master, and Mr. S. K. Patil, for the trouble they have taken. We also thank the general public and the Press of Bombay for the sympathy they have shown for the workers' cause."

(SEE PAGE 5.)

Setalvad Welcomes Sapru Proposals On Indian Unity

"Muslims Will Never Agree To Abolition Of Separate Electorates"

BOMBAY, Monday.

Sir Chimanlal Setalvad in the course of a statement on the Sapru Committee's recommendations welcomes the proposal regarding unity of India but says that the proviso for abolition of separate electorates will never be accepted by the Muslims.

Sir Chimanlal says: "The Sapru Committee's verdict against the division of India will be endorsed by many thinking people in the country.

In order to avoid separation, one would be willing to go the farthest length to reassure the Muslims that their interests will be completely safeguarded in one united India. For that purpose I would be prepared to give parity of representation to Hindus (excluding the depressed classes) and Muslims in the Central Legislature and the Central Executive.

"The Sapru Committee, however, makes this parity conditional on joint electorates instead of the present separate electorates. It is absolutely certain that the Muslims will never accept that condition at present. One only hopes that when the Central Legislature and executive are jointly run by Hindus, Muslims and other interests working together as a team and mutual confidence is restored that genuine democracy may be established some day in India.

ISPAHANI CRITICISES SAPRU PLAN

CALCUTTA, April 9 (U.P.I.): The Conciliation Committee was characterised as "a war committee of caste Hindus" by Mr. M. A. H. Ispahani, M.L.A., in the course of his presidential speech at a meeting of the Muslims held yesterday under the auspices of the Calcutta City Muslim League.

Mr. Ispahani added that the Sapru Plan was the exact copy of Pandit Nehru's report which was not accepted by the Muslims of India.

WILL BRITAIN MAKE DISTINCT GESTURE?

LONDON, Monday: From Reuter's political correspondent: The success of any proposals such as those of Sir T. B. Sapru, depends upon the British Government making a distinct gesture indicating that it is willing to part with power is the view expressed by Mr. Krishna Menon, Nationalist leader in London.

"British opinion has shown great interest in Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru's effort", observed Mr. Menon, "but its future and indeed the future of any such proposals is dependent upon British Government." Mr. Menon added that the release of political prisoners was a condition precedent of any hopes of success.

PARITY RECOMMENDATION CONDEMNED

CALCUTTA, April 9 (A.P.I.): Sir N. N. Sircar, ex-Law Member Government of India, Mr. N. C. Chatterjee, Vice-President of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha and 14 other Hindu Leaders of Bengal in a joint statement express their condemnation of the parity recommendation of the Sapru Committee. They say to reduce a majority into a minority is so preposterous, unjust and undemocratic that time need not be wasted over demonstrating its iniquity.

"Alternative To Pakistan"

Mixed Reception For Sapru Proposals In Lobbies

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, April 9

Lobbies had mixed reception to Sapru Committee's proposal. Special reference was made to Mr. Joshi's dissent on the issue of Pakistan.

Enquiries show that Mr. Joshi did not want the Committee to commit itself irrevocably on the Pakistan issue.

The Committee's proposals are in the natuee of alternative to Pakistan. Alternative, it claimed, loses much of its value if original of alternative is completely ruled out. As one member said, alternative becomes 'take it or leave it.' By expressing itself on Pakistan issue, the Committee it asserted, joined anti-Pakistan front and no longer remains conciliators. Mr. Joshi however failed to convince the Committee which wanted Mr. Joshi not to express his dissent on the resolution but write his separate minute if he so desired. Mr. Joshi however insisted on the ground that his dissent was necessary if the Committee wanted to publish the resolutions in advance of the report. Mr. Joshi would append his minute of dissent on this issue along with the report.

While Leaguers are opposed to the proposals on the ground that it had vetoed Pakistan, others welcome them on the ground that it would enable the country to express itself on 50-50 basis of representation for Mussalmans with Hindus.

All Holland Isolated

Sequel To Canadian Troops' Link-Up With Airborn Forces

LONDON, Monday (Reuter): Allied spearheads are to-night within 70 miles of the river Elbe, the last major water barrier before Berlin as Allied pilots reported the great cities of Hanover, Brunswick, Hamburg and Luebeck engulfed in flames and huge fires blazing over a vast area of north Germany ahead of the advancing Allied columns.

One theory is that the Germans are applying a ruthless scorched earth policy, including the destruction of supply dumps threatened with early capture. The other backed by the observation of considerable movement of German convoys north and north-east in the Central German plain—is that the Germans are merging their Eastern and Western armies into one for the last real battles of the war.

With the ink-up between Canadian troops and airborne forces all Holland, west of Ijessel, is now isolated except for a road along the 25-mile dyke causeway across the northern end of Zuyder Zee.

Late this evening a frontline report said that Canadians had made gains of up to 25 miles after crossing the Dortmund—Ems canal at Meppen yesterday.

SOVIET NEARING CENTRE OF VIENNA

LONDON, Monday, (Reuter). The fall of two Reich capital cities, Vienna and Koenigsberg, is imminent according to latest Soviet and German reports.

Last minute news reaching Moscow said that Army troops are within one mile of the centre of Vienna.

On the Oder-Neisse front, the long and uneasy lull continues, but a Berlin spokesman tonight predicted that important military events there were imminent. The Soviet command he said was massing strong forces on the Berlin front and in Western Silesia on the Neisse.

The Red Army has fought its way through to Koenigsberg's "inner fortress ring" the German Communique says.

"LAY DOWN YOUR ARMS"

LONDON, April 9 (Reuter): The New York radio to-day said that German prisoners of war in the United States have signed an appeal to their fellow countrymen to lay down their arms immediately. The message has been signed voluntarily by 1,391 prisoners at a camp in Massachusets and handed to the Camp Commissioner for transmission to Germany.

"HABEAS CORPUS" PLEA OF 25 DETENUS

NAGPUR, April 9, (A.P.I.) A division bench of the Nagpur High Court consisting of Justices A. E. Pollock and Vivian Bose heard arguments today on the Habeas Corpus applications challenging the ground of the detention of 25 detenus, including hTakur Chedilal and Laxman Singh Chowhan.

Their lordships directed the Advocate-General to produce the orders of detention of the applicants before the court and allowed the parties three weeks' time. The prisoners are detained under the Restriction and Detention Ordinance.

LONDON, April 9, (A.P.A.). Major General Patrick Hurley, U. S. Ambassador to China, has left London 'en route' to China.

"WORKABLE SOLUTION"

MADRAS, April 9 (A.P.I.): "The Sapru Committee's recommendations present a highly workable solution of the Indian deadlock", Mr. K. M. Munshi said today in a statement. He added:

"It is inconceivable in human affairs that vital questions can be solved by the unanimous support of everyone concerned. If these recommendations receive general support, there is no reason why His Majesty's Government should be slow to recognise and accept them as substantially the demand of the whole country.

Any delay on the part of His Majesty's Government in accepting these recommendations as the basis of compromise would only lead to further complications and make it difficult for Britain to solve the Indian problem, to secure Indian friendship and to stabilise the influence of the British Commonwealth in Asia. In my opinion the last is by far the most urgent problem in the interests of international security.

STOP PRESS

AMERICANS ENTER ESSEN

With the Ninth U. S. Army Hq., Monday (Reuter): Troops of the Ninth American Army have entered Essen.

LORD WAVELL IN LONDON

His Excellency Lord Wavell (right) is greeted by Mr. L. S. Amery, Secretary of State for India, on his arrival at Victoria Station, London, on March 23.

WHITE HALL NOT AGAINST INDIAN SETTLEMENT

Wavell's Talks In London Progressing Well: Amnesty Before 'Frisco

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, April 9.

Lord Wavell has now been in London for over just a fortnight, but his military and political talks have been so far satisfactory. He may be able to leave for India in less than a fortnight's time. I understand there is no truth in the report that there was a conflict of views between the Viceroy and the India Secretary.

The military situation on the Burma front has been so exhilarating that Whitehall will not hesitate to respond to the general demand for the release of political prisoners. Note has also been made of the fact that the present Central Assembly is ten-year-old but no decision has so far been taken whether to hold fresh elections. That decision is likely to be left to the discretion of Lord Wavell who, it is argued, will be the best judge to decide after watching the reactions to release politicals.

SAPRU RECOMMENDATIONS

Meanwhile, the Sapru Committee recommendations and the Desai formula for the formation of a national government are being closely studied.

Whatever happens, the three Indian delegates to the San Francisco Conference hope to make their journey in an atmosphere of less bickering.

Their arrival in San Francisco may be heralded by the release of political prisoners.

There is no confirmation of the report that Mr. Desai is visiting London, but there is every reason to believe that Sir Ardesir Dalal may leave India for London in few weeks' time after the arrival of Lord Wavell in India.

Jayakar & Jagdish Prasad See Gandhiji

Mahatma Will Leave For Mahableshwar About The 20th Inst.

BOMBAY, Monday.

Dr. M. R. Jayakar and Sir Jagdish Prasad, two prominent members of the Sapru Conciliation Committee, met Gandhiji this afternoon. They were with him for about an hour. It is understood that Dr. Jayakar explained certain aspects of the Sapru Committee's recommendations. Gandhiji remained silent.

Babu Purushottamdas Tandon, Speaker of the U. P. Assembly who arrived in Bombay was present at Gandhiji's prayer.

It is understood that Gandhiji will be here till about the 20th instant when he will leave for Mahableshwar. Mr. Santikumar Morarjee and Lady Vithaldas Thackersey visited Mahableshwar to make the necessary arrangements. It is understood that a spacious bungalow named Morarjee Castle has been fixed up for Gandhiji's residence.

KASTURBA MEMORIAL TRUST

BOMBAY, April 8 (U.P.I.): The Executive Committee of the Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust will meet at the Birla House on April 12 at 3 p. m. The Trustees' meeting of the Fund will be held at the Headquarters of the Trust, Scindia House, Ballard Estate, on April 13 at 3 p. m.

Jairamdas Urges Sindhis To Follow Mahatma

HYDERABAD (Sind), April 9 (A.P.I.) "The Congress had no mind to rule over Sind or India. All it wanted was that the people should govern themselves", said Mr. Jairamdas Doulatram inaugurating the National Week here today. He urged the people to follow Mahatma Gandhi who had taught the world to discard brute force and take to soul force. He added that India's salvation lay in following Gandhiji's direction specially the constructive programme.

Mr. Jairamdas has received a telegram from Mahatma Gandhi reading "Glad, All Released."

Mr. Jairamdas and Dr. Choitnram P. Gidwani, President of the Sind Provincial Congress Committee, hope to meet Mahatma Gandhi shortly to acquaint him with the conditions in Sind.

More Light On Congress M. L. A.'s Murder

PESHAWAR, April 9 (U.P.I.): In connection with the murder of Khan Kamaarkhan, M.L.A., (Congress), it is further learnt that he was shot dead, while returning from his fields at about 7 p. m. on April 6. Seven bullets are reported to have pierced his body. Five persons have been taken into custody in this connection, and further enquiries are being made by the police. The motive for murder is still unknown.

Publishers Await Rajenbabu's Release

BOMBAY, April 9 (A.P.I.): A large number of publishers in India and at least one foreign publishing firm are said to be waiting for the release of Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Member, Congress Working Committee, hoping to get his contract for the publication of the two books that he has written while in jail.

One of these is Dr. Rajendra Prasad's own autobiography and the other a book on the Muslim League's demand of Pakistan. Dr. Prasad had, it is learnt, requested some Indian publishers recently to send him copies of all available publications on Pakistan.

It is understood that both the books are now ready.

PATTABHI FOR VELLORE

GUNTAKAL, April 8 (U.P.I.): Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya, member of the Congress Working Committee, passed through Guntakal yesterday for Vellore by the Bombay-Madras Express. He looked cheerful.

BOMBAY ASSEMBLY DEPUTY SPEAKER DEAD

BELGAUM, April 9. (A.P.I).

Mr. N. G. Joshi Deputy Speaker of the Bombay Legislative Assembly and an eminent pleader of Karnatak, died here today at the age of 64. He was suffering from cancer for the last six months.

The funeral was largely attended and tributes to Mr. Joshi's leadership were paid by Mr. Gangadharrao Deshpande, and others at the cremation ground. All the courts and shops in the city remained closed in his memory.

DR. BENI PRASAD DEAD

ALLAHABAD, April 2 (A.P.I.): Dr. Beni Prasad, head of the Department of Political Science, Allahabad University, died today, aged 50.

Indian Soldiers Abroad Treated As "Slaves!"

Assembly Censures India Govt. For Lack Of Amenities In Mid-East And Italy

NEW DELHI, April 9. (A. P. I.).

"The Assembly passed without a division Mr. Krishnamachari's adjournment motion to discuss "the unnecessarily harsh conditions of service of Indian troops in the Middle East and Italy as described in the article of the "Hindustan Times" special representative on April 6."

Mr. Krishnamachari and his supporters quoted from criticisms made by special correspondents of the "Hindustan Times," the "Times of India" and the "Civil and Military Gazette" who recently toured these fronts and have written on the lack of proper amenities to Indian soldiers.

Mr. Krishnamachari moving the motion complimented the C-in-C who permitted independent Indian Pressmen to visit Italy and the Middle East. The articles had been censored by the military authorities and there could, therefore, be no exaggeration at all in them. It might be asked why people who described the Indian soldiers as mercenary now took up this question. It was true Mr. Krishnamachari said, that it was mainly the economic incentive that made the men join the army (a voice: Question) But nonetheless as fellow Indians he was interested in their welfare. The journalists who visited those areas had seen Gen. Mark Clark and considered it essential that R. O. R.'s I. O. R.'s and U. S. soldiers must all be treated as equals. Apart from the "Hindustan Times" the special representative of the "Times of India" had also stated that the provision of comforts for Indian troops was less positive so far as Persia and Iraq Command was concerned.

It appeared there was an overwhelming majority of Indian troops in those areas officered by non-Indians and the treatment accorded to Indians was intolerable. Whereas an Indian got Rs. ten for amenities a B.O.R got only five shillings but in spite of that the situation for Indian troops was very bad. Stale 'atta' was supplied to them and the men had not been home on leave for three and four years. Indians were ashamed of the type of people sent out to entertain them.

There was no excuse, Mr. Krishnmaachari said, for this Government to recruit men merely to make them coolies.

The pride of the Indian was at stake. In fact, Mr. Krishnamachari said, a Press representative had told him that if we had a Government of our own we would never consent to send men unless we were in a position to look after their comforts.

Mr. Ram Chandra, Defence Secretary, opposing the motion stated that the articles published in the "Hindustan Times" were the consideration of the Government. He remarked that the articles were highly exaggerated.

Mr. Ramchandra said that there was considerable improvement in the amenities provided for Indian troops. They were getting "per capita" Rs. 10 a year for amenities. The figure in the case of British troops was five shillings a year. While the standard for amenities for Indian troops was laid down by the Government of India, the finances were actually paid by His Majesty's Government.

On the question of leave Mr. Ram Chandra said that formerly it was six per cent leave for Italy and the Middle East, but now it had been raised to 10 per cent and in the case of Iran it was 12 per cent. The scheme would enable one-third of the total strength of the units to leave every year.

"COLOUR WASH"

Mr. Abdul Qaiyum (Congress) compared the position of the Indian soldier in the Indian Army with that of the Indian labourer in the Colonies and remarked that the Defence Secretary was applying a "colour wash" to conceal the racial discrimination made against the Indian soldier.

Mr. Qaiyum said that the treatment given to the Indian soldier would teach him a lesson and he would have a better appreciation of what India's place would be in the future.

He would know whether India could be within the British Empire, or whether she should walk out of the Empire, because there was no possibility of humane treatment within the Empire.

"GIVE AMENITIES OR CEASE GOVERNING"

Sir Cowasji Jehangir (unattached) declared it was the work of Indian soldiers that had put India on the map of the world and it was clear that every member of the House demanded that there should be no distinction between Indian soldiers and other soldiers in the matter of amenities.

"I ask the Government of India to give these amenities as a matter of right. If they cannot do it, let them cease governing this country", Sir Cowasji declared amid cheers.

SIR FREDERICK'S CHARGE

Sir Frederick James (European Group) wanted the Defence Secretary to know that whatever was being said in the House on this subject was nothing less than the truth. It was quite clear that some of the complaints made by the Defence Consultative Committee members two years ago still remained unremedied.

BEWARE OF HOW YOU TREAT SOLDIERS

Maulana Zafar Ali Khan (Muslem League) recalled that the Leader of the House had stated that independence when it came would not be through politicians but through the patriotic Indian soldiers. The soldiers of today were not like the soldiers of the old days. Many of them were undergraduates and graduates. They had learnt the arts of war, shooting, flying, and manning battleships, and Government should listen to their voice.

TREATED AS "SLAVES"

Sardar Mangal Singh thanked the C-in-C for sending independent journalists and for not invoking the powers of the Viceroy to kill the adjournment motion. He complained that at every step in rest camps and elsewhere in the clothes issued to him and other matters, the Indian soldier was reminded he was inferior and a slave and a camp follower. Sardar Mangal Singh warned Government that such treatment sowed seeds of trouble in the future when the Indian soldiers came back home.

Mr. C. M. Trivedi, War Secretary assured the House that the C-in-C. would do all he could to improve the amenities for Indian soldiers. A few months ago an officer had been appointed for the Indian Army in the Middle East and he had given the greatest possible attention to welfare arrangements.

MOVER'S REJOINDER

Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari replying to the debate said Mr. Trivedi had undertaken to take note of the suggestions but had added it would take time. Mr. Krishnamachari remarked it looked as if in order to enable Mr. Trivedi to implement the recommendations made by the House the war must continue for two and a half years more (laughter).

Mr. Krishnamachari asked why should the Defence Secretary for instance, not go to the front and see things for himself. The key to the situation was touched by the "Times of India" correspondent who said that among others political considerations stood in the way. The Government of India said Mr. Krishnamachari was unable to associate the best minds in the country in looking after the amenities of Indian troops.

The motion was passed without a division and the House adjourned till tomorrow.

Three Adjournment Motions Ruled Out

(THROUGH A. P. AND U P.)

NEW DELHI, April 9.

In the Central Assembly this morning the President ruled out of order three adjournment motions.

The first motion moved by Nawab Siddique Ali Khan sought to discuss the "deliberate gross misrepresentation at the Empire Conference of India's present constitutional position by Sir Feroze Khan Noon, one of the delegates of the Government of India to the San Francisco Conference who stated that India had already enjoyed Dominion Status."

The President stated that the Government General had disallowed the motion as it could not be discussed without detriment to the interest of the public.

The second motion moved by Mr. A. N. Chottopadhaya sought to discuss the cloth situation in Bengal and the third by Mr. Anthony related to the question of pay to Indian commissioned officers.

The chair also disallowed Mr. Frank Anthony's adjournment motion to discuss Government's failure to grant to Indian Commissioned Officers of the I A M C a special war pay which the Government had decided to grant to other Indian Commissioned Officers.

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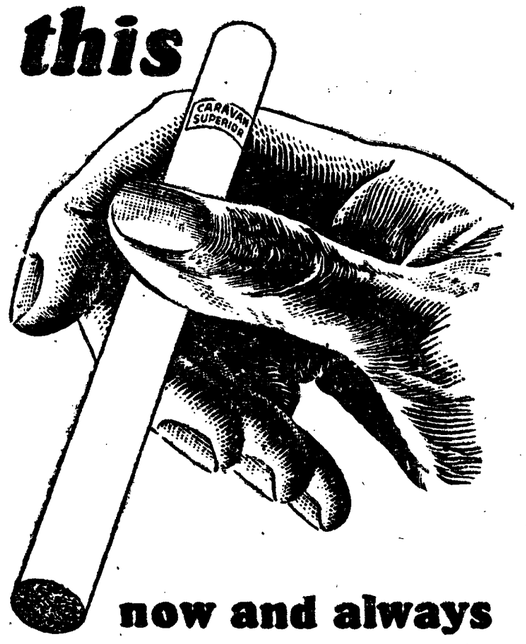

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NEW DELHI, April 9 (A.P.I.): The Government of India has decided to give a further increase of 20 per cent to different types of consumers of paper affected by the order of January 24 last when 10 per cent increase was allowed to these consumers, according to a Press Note.

All presses and stationers can, with effect from the current quarter, use paper to the extent of 60 per cent of their consumption in 1943. Publishers of text-books can consume paper to the extent of 80 per cent of their consumption in 1939 and publishers of other books to the extent of 60 per cent of their consumption in 1943. Periodicals and newspapers can likewise print now 60 per cent of the number of pages printed by them in the basic period applicable to them in accordance with the provisions of the order.

In addition to the general concession referred to above the Government of India has also decided to increase by 20 per cent all concessions granted before that date to individual consumers, subject to the condition that the additional 20 per cent does not raise the concession now admissible to a figure above 90 per cent of the basic consumption.

The other important concessions which have been granted are: (i) The exclusion of panchangs or almanacs of religious character from the prohibition contained in Clause II (A) of the Paper Control (Economy) order; (II) Permission to distribute advertising circulars relating to the sale of any goods or to any profession, trade or business up to a total weight of 25 lbs. per month (III) the fixation of a minimum quota of printing presses at 750 lbs. per quarter; (iv) the removal of restrictions on the margins of books and spaces between consecutive chapters; and (v) exclusion of strawboard from the restrictions on the use of paper for wrapping and packing purposes.

REGULAR COMMISSIONS IN INDIAN ARMY

Selection Board's Programme

NEW DELHI, April 5: For several months the opportunity has been open for Indian emergency commissioned officers and officers of the Indian Wing of the Army in India reserve of officers who fulfil the conditions laid down to send in their names to be registered for regular commissions in the Indian Army. Many hundreds have already applied and applications continue to flow in.

All applicants will now be interviewed by a board, known as No. 71 Indian Army Regular Commissions Selection Board, which has opened at Rawalpindi. The board is to visit S.E.A.C. and the other Commands in India and later it may visit overseas theatres of war.

Candidates will be placed by the Board in one of seven grades for inclusion in the register according to ability.

The decision as to which grades will be granted regular commissions will be made when the requirements of the post-war Indian Army are known. Some regular commissions may be granted before the end of the war.

At the end of the interview candidates will be told their grading confidentially by the President of the Board. Their commanding officers will be told only that they have been placed on the register for regular commissions.

Back at their units the candidates will be the subjects of special half-yearly reports from their unit commanders to G.H.Q. When the time comes for them to be considered for a commission these reports will be studied along with the board's grading.

In the case of an immature candidate the Board may have difficulty in placing him in a suitable grade. In such cases they will send him back to his unit with orders to appear before them again after he has gained more experience.

The same applies to candidates the Board think have not had a fair chance of showing what they can do in the army. These will be sent back with instructions that they are to be transferred to more suitable work, after which they will be interviewed again for final grading.

Ruhr "Phantom City" To Fool Bombers Taken From Germans

Wes Gallagher, an American press service correspondent, reported the U. S. 35th Infantry Division has uncovered in its advance one of Germany's "phantom cities" constructed in an attempt to fool night bombers into dropping their bombs outside the Ruhr valley. Gallagher said in part:

It is one of the first real war secrets uncovered by the Allied armies driving across the Rhine. Much has been written about such places but this is the first one taken.

Constructed probably around 1942, the "Phantom City" lies in the heart of a wooded area near Gladbach.

It is an odd looking series of contraptions and apparently much work and thought went into it. First there are high posts with boards across their tops with shaded lights casting beams downward. Apparently from the air at night row after row of these gave the illusion of many houses or a big factory. Next in the "Phantom City" is a series of chimneys. These are about 10 feet high, quite large and made of wood. From the air they must have looked as though they were sticking out of camouflaged buildings instead of the ground.

Then there is a series of plain wooden roofs spread along the ground to give the illusion of rows of buildings. Each roof is rigged with shaded lights to outline it at night. There also are smoke pots and places in which quick fires could be built to make it seem these "buildings" were burning.

Huts and dugouts were built for men who kept "Phantom City" in repair. The complete layout is inside the Ruhr anti-aircraft defenses and out some distance from the vital targets of Homborn, Gladbach and Duisburg.

Judging by the age of construction work and the ancient character of the bomb craters in the vicinity, it is apparent that the R.A.F. has not been fooled in recent months and perhaps not for over a year by the German trick. The R.A.F. made most of the night raids over this sector. "Phantom City" could not fool daylight bombers.

Hundreds of searchlights were overrun in the drive through the Ruhr, and the number of men engaged in what once was known to Allied flyers as "happy valley" must have been enormous. A number of radar installations which could not be moved also were taken.—USOWI.

National Week Celebration Banned In Bezwada

BEZWADA, April 9 (A.P.I.): The celebration of the "National Week" has been banned in Bezwada. Arrangements made by Congressmen for meetings and other functions on Saturday in this connection were, therefore, dropped.

The Andhra Students Congress Conference which was scheduled to take place yesterday under the presidency of Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao did not meet as its Secretary was informed by the authorities that it had also been banned.

At Gudivada the celebration of the week was inaugurated by hoisting the Congress Flag.

BIHAR BAN ON TRICOLOUR CONTINUES

PATNA, April 6 (U.P.I.)

"The position in this Province is still unchanged and the Government order prohibiting the hoisting of the Congress Flag on places from where it can be visible to the public is still in force. The disobedience of the order renders persons liable to prosecution under Section 59 of the Defence of India Rules."

Thus observed a Press Note issued by the Bihar Government to-day.

This was in reply to the suggestion of the local papers for withdrawal of the order in view of the Home Member's statement in the Central Assembly to the effect that "as far as he was aware, there is no ban in the country regarding the flying of any particular flag."

"QUIT MADRAS"

MADRAS, April 6 (O.P.I.): Mr. M. A. Rahim, a Congressman of Kumbakonam who was in Madras was served with a notice by the police to quit Madras and to confine himself to Kumbakonam; Mr. Rahim left for Kumbakonam accordingly.

It is learnt that the order issued by the Government two years ago asking Mr. Rahim to confine himself to Kumbakonam was still in force and the present notice was served on him in conformity with that order.

CONGRESS WORK IN MAHARASHTRA

(From Our Correspondent)

A meeting of the Congress workers of the West Khandesh District was held at Nandurbar on the 1st of April. Nearly 50 Congressmen from all over the district were present, prominent amongst them being Sjt. Balubhai Mehta, President, District Congress Committee and Mr. Shaligram Shet Bharatiya, M.L.A. Mr. G. H. Deshpande, Secretary, M.P.C.C., & M.L.A., Nasik, attended the meeting on special invitation. He addressed the workers on the importance of the constructive work as advised by Mahatma Gandhi. Plans were undertaken to organise students, workers, peasants and women, so also for the iradication of untouchability. At night Mr. G. H. Deshpande addressed a public meeting on the present political situation. On the 2nd Mr. Deshpande paid a visit to Shahada where he addressed a meeting and had talks with Congress workers. On the 3rd he visited Dondaicha where he addressed a meeting of students and merchants. In the evening he visited Dhulia where he had talks with Congress workers and Seva Dal students. He also addressed a public meeting which was attended by a large number of invited people. During the National week Mr. Deshpande will be visiting Parola, Erondol Jalgaon, Pachora, Niphad, and Malegaon.

Five Parliamentary Secretaries To N. W. F. P.

PESHAWAR, April 7 (U.P.I.): A press 'Communique' issued from the Government House to-day announced the appointment of five Parliamentary Secretaries. Khan Mohd. Amirkhan and Mian Jaffer Hussain, two Parliamentary Secretaries, will work under the Chief Minister and Master Kewalram under the Finance Minister while Raja Manuchehar Khan, former Parliamentary Secretary in the League Cabinet will now serve the Education Minister and Sardar Ishar Singh, the only Sikh Congress M.L.A. will be under the Minister for Industries.

Dr. Khan Saheb in an interview said: "I sincerely hope that with their valuable assistance, I and my colleagues will be able to do our job earnestly an honourably."

BAN ON HARIJANS' ENTRY IN GITAMANDIR

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, April 6

Great sensation prevailed among Hindus when Vidyandji, the famous Gita propagandist who created Gitamandir in Ahmedabad put a ban on the entry of Harijan in Gitamandir. It is recalled from the very beginning Gitamandir was open for all class but some Pandits who arrived here on the occasion of 'Yagna' took objection to Harijan entry.

"LEAGUE BECOMING UNPOPULAR"

NEW DELHI, April 6 (A.P.I.)

Mr. A. M. Khwaja, President of the All-India Muslim Majlis, has sent the following cable to Lord Wavell today.

"The Muslim League President's assertion to represent 100 million Muslims is palpably false. The League is becoming unpopular even in the Muslim majority provinces. Majority of Muslims are really opposed to Pakistan and only desire effective safeguards for their interests in the provinces and at the centre. Separate electorates are responsible for the present Hindu-Muslim situation. Any reasonable solution embodying joint electorates would be welcome and would redound to your everlasting credit."

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Tea Time—In South India

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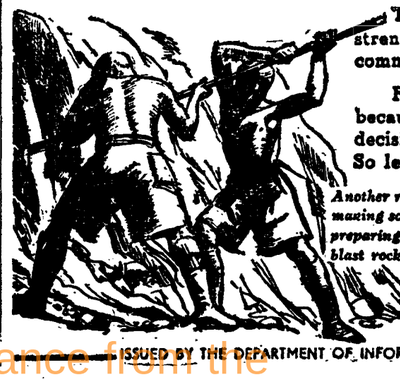
The opening of this road means renewed hope and strength for China's valiant armies. It will hasten our common enemy's defeat.

For us in India too, the event is no less historic, because we know that not until Japan is finally and decisively beaten will India be safe from aggression. So let us all back the attack.



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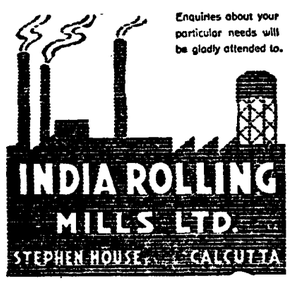

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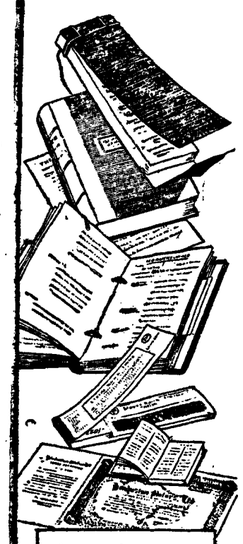

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WAC Birthday Parade At Oval

Governor Praises Women's Part In War Against Japan

H. E. Sir H. F. Knight Acting Governor of Bombay took salute at the Oval on Monday morning in celebration of the third anniversary of the Women's Auxiliary Corps (India). He was received by Major-General C. E. Beard and other high-ranking military officers.

On the conclusion of the parade, H. E. the Governor, among other things, said: "The women of the Auxiliary Corps of India whether attached to the army, the navy, or the air force, in whatever branch of the ancillary services they work, are playing an indispensable part in the organisation of victory over the Japanese.

"On a birthday we should look forward as well as backward. When victory has been won, the training which thousands of women of India will have received in this Service will stand both them and the country in good stead. Education has been defined as what is left after you have forgotten all you have learnt. When the women of the Auxiliary Corps of India are demobilised and return to civil life, they may forget the technical accomplishments which they learnt in the services, but they will retain the poise and independence of character, the initiative and the self-reliance which their training has given them. You have, I believe, founded a tradition of service to India which will be of incalculable value for the future.

Zinc Plates Unearthed In City Raid

Recently a raid was carried out on certain godowns situated in Magalore Street, Bombay, by the officers of the Civil Supplies (Government of India), Bombay, headed by Mr. N. M. Kamte, Deputy Controller-General of Civil Supplies and assisted by local police, in which stocks of zinc plates of various sizes, tins of English paints, motor car tyres, aluminimum utensils and ship scuttles were found and seized. Search of the godowns still continues and in consequence thereof hugh stocks of iron and steelmaterials etc., are expected to be discovered and released for sale to the public.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

TUESDAY APRIL 10.
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244 m. (1,231 kc/s)—8-0 a.m. News (H). 8-15 News (E). 8-30 Gokulibai Kakodkar. 8-45 Bhairavin. 8-50 News (M). 9-0 News (G). 9-10 To-morrow. 9-15 Eknath Hatiskar. 9-30 P. G. Parab (Sitar). 9-45 Ghazal. 12-30 p.m. Songs (M). 12-45 News (M). 12-50 News (G). 12-55 News (H). 1-0 Music from Film. 1-30 News (E). 1-40 Music. 2-30 Break for Lunch. 4.20 V. N. Pabalkar (Vocal). 4-40 Thumri and Dadra. 5-0 Gujrat Flood Relief (G). 5-15 Narayanrao Vyas. 5-45 Topical Talk. 5-55 Locals. 6-0 Eknath Hatiskar. 6-20 Ek Dhun on Jaltarang. 6-30 News (E). 6-40 News (H). 6.45 News Commentary (C). 6.50 Music from Film. 7-0 Uddhottar Shikshana (M). 7-15 P. G. Parab (Sitar). 7.30 Gokulibai Kakodkar. 8-15 News (M). 8-30 News (G). 8-45 V. N. Pabalkar (Vocal). 9-0 News (H). 9-20 News (E). 9-30 B. B. C. News. 9-45 Spotlight on News (E). 10-0 Kazimiera Lipszyc (Pianoforte). 10-25 Interlude. 10-30 Mehli Mehta (Violin).

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To-day's Engagements

3 ARTS MEETING to-day at 6 p.m. at the School of Economics Hall, University, when Atiya Begum will speak on "Drastic Revolution Needed in Our System of Education". Messrs. Rahamin and Horniman to speak. Mr. Mirchandani, Municipal Commissioner, to preside.

SHRI NANIBEN GAJJAR: A public meeting of the citizens of Bombay is to be convened on Tuesday, April 17, at 6 p.m. at the Vanita Vishram Garden, Sandhurst Road, to express sorrow at the death of Shri Naniben Gajjar, the Founder-Trustee of the Vanita Vishram Institutions of Surat, Bombay and other places.

NATIONAL WEEK PROGRAMME: The Tardeo and Khetwadi Taluka Congress Samitees will observe to-day (Tuesday) as Congress Workers' Day and will have a Sammelan of Congress Workers—especially those who attend the Congress Workers' Study Class organised by these Samitees at Shri Ram Nivas, Frere Bridge, Low Level, Grant Road at 9 p.m. (N.S.T.) when Sjt. P. V. Gadgil, Editor of "Lokamanya" will preside. There will be National songs by Messrs. Kaka Keni and Prabhakar Joshi.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

The Governor of Bombay took the salute at a W.A.C. (I) Anniversary Parade at the Oval Maidan on Monday.

HAHNEMANN'S BIRTH DAY CEREMONY

The President All India Provisional Homaeopathic Association Muzaffarpur writes:—

All the Homoeopaths, Homoeopathic associations, institutions and Charitable dispensaries in India, are requested to observe the birth day of the Father of Homoeopathy to-day April 10 by convening meeting of Homoeopathic practitioners and sympathisers in their places.

"Cleaner Bombay Campaign"

Mr. N. B. Parulekar, Public Relations Officer, Bombay Municipal Congress Party, 157-61, Princess Street, Bombay, has issued the following appeal to the students on vacation:

"After your exams. you have now leisure which you can pass, if you so wish, pleasantly but usefully. You are the would-be builders of a new good-mannered and healthy society of to-morrow. Let this new society be a worthier one to live in and happier for the matter of that. You can devote your vacation time to begin the reform in this direction. You can use your youthful aggressiveness to persuade your neighbours to reform their bad habits and manners which prove a nuisance and annoyance to others. They will not only excuse your intruding but on the contrary will tolerate it. In this work you will have an opportunity of dealing with and studying a variety of natures and of learning the practical art of winning them over. That will be an asset to your future career. Will you please write to me if you can take up this voluntary work in a spirit of service towards your neighbours?"

Club Building For Proposed College At Ratnagiri

(From Our Corespondent)
RATNAGIRI, April 9

As the Government could not spare any building for the proposed College at Ratnagiri, the Senate of the University of Bombay referred back the question to the Syndicate who gave a further chance to the Society to propose another suitable building. The Ratnagiri Education Society thereafter decided to buy the premises of the Ratnagiri Club and also the open ground for Rs. 60,000. The members of the Club have accorded their sanction to this proposal.

The local inquiry committee appointed by the Syndicate inspected the premises and reported that the building was quite suitable. The Syndicate at their meeting held on April 7 approved of this scheme and recommended sanction to the Senate. To avoid further delay, it is learnt, the Syndicate is forwarding the scheme to the Government for its final sanction in case the Senate decides favourably.

Handsome Donation To A. B. School

Sjt. Suresh Chandra Majumdar of the "Ananda Bazar Patrika", accompanied by Sjt. S. Das Gupta of the "Hindusthan Standard" of Calcutta, visited the Anglo-Bengali School at Dadar and promised to equip the school laboratory at a cost of Rs. 5,000.

Loss Of Prospective Earnings Disallowed

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice Macklin and Mr. Justice Rajadhyaksha)

Holding that a claimant is not entitled to be compensated for the loss of his prospective earnings from a business about to be set up on land acquired under the Land Acquisition Act, their Lordships allowed an appeal by the Land Acquisition Officer from a decision of the Assistant Judge of Thana.

The claimant owned a cigarette factory at Santa Cruz, and in order to expand his business he had purchased the land under acquisition, but the work of constructing the new factory had only proceeded upto plinth level when the Government acquired it. The claimant claimed Rs. 1,84,500 for the loss of prospective earnings for one year. The Land Acquisition Officer negatived the claim but allowed 6 per cent interest on the capital invested. On a reference to the District Court at Thana, the Assistant Judge accepted the claimant's contention and awarded Rs. 12,400 as the loss of prospective earnings for eight months. On appeal to the High Court, their Lordships were of opinion that the business not being a going concern, the claimant was not entitled to anything by way of loss of earnings under Section 23 of the Land Acquisition Act, but in the circumstances of the case their Lordships restored the award of 6 per cent on the locked-up capital made by the Land Acquisition Officer.

The Government Pleader appeared for the appellant.

Mr. B. G. Thakore appeared for the heirs of the respondent.

Bombay's New Mayor

Dr. Alban De Souza Elected

Dr. Alban De-Souza, was unanimously elected to the Chair of the Mayor on Monday. There was no other candidate and Mr. Nagindas T. Master, who presided, declared Dr. DeSouza duly elected.

Dr. DeSouza after taking the chair thanked the Congress Party for nominating him and the House for giving unanimous support. He fully realised the responsibility laid upon his shoulders, and he assured the House that he would follow in the steps of his predecessors. There were a number of problems facing the Corporation, such as water supply, slum clearance and tuberculosis, etc. which he hoped the House would face courageously.

Mr. S. K. Patil, speaking next, pointed out that all of a sudden a change was made in the Corporation Hall in regard to the seats allotted to the Press with the result that a number of pressmen had to stand that afternoon.

The Mayor replied that the attention of the Municipal Commissioner was drawn to the grievance and the sitting arrangement for the Press would be restored at the next meeting as before.

NAGINDAS MASTER TO VISIT MADRAS

BOMBAY, Monday.

Mr. Nagindas Master, ex-Mayor of Bombay, expects to be in Madras on April 14 to inaugurate the Political Workers Conference there. He will also inaugurate the Congress Workers Conference on April 15. A number of associations have invited him to address their members during his stay in Madras.

Printed Cloth Merchants' Grievances

At a meeting of the owners of dyeing, printing, and embroidery works and merchants and workers dealing in printed cloth, a resolution was passed protesting against the orders of the Textile Controller, adversely affecting the industry and requesting the Government to make certain amendments which the resolution suggested. The meeting was held on Sunday, under the presidentship of Mr. Samaldas Gandhi. It was urged by the speakers to save the ancient cottage industry which had been recently revived. The resolution was moved by Mr. Tolaram Chudiwala and was unanimously passed.

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C. C. I. Tennis Championships

Savara And Bhojwani Annex Men's Doubles Title

In the C.C.I. Open Tennis Championship Tournament, three matches, were played off at the Brabourne Stadium on Monday. The Men's Doubles Final saw Savara and Bhojwani defeat Petit and Kantawalla after a keen struggle lasting over three sets. The losers collared the first set at the sixteenth game and then ran level till the eight in the second. Thereafter the superiority of the winning pair prevailed.

In the Women's Doubles Final, Mrs. Kshama Row, the veteran player, and her daughter Leela (now Mrs. H. Dayal) got the better of Miss L. M. Merchant and Lady Kania in a three set match after losing the first. It is indeed extremely creditable for Mrs. Row to win a trophy in an open event in Tennis at her age.

The undecided set in the Mixed Doubles Semi-final which stood at 6-6 on Saturday was played over again. Dhawan, Mrs. Dayal's partner being completely off-colour. Savara and Mrs. Mordant did not experience any difficulty in bagging the decided at the expense of one game only.

Savara now stands a chance of winning the triple crown.

The following are the results:—

MEN'S DOUBLES FINAL

C. L. Savara and D. W. Bhojwani beat M. D. Petit and J. M. Kantawalla 7-9, 6-4, 6-3.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES FINAL

Mrs. H. Dayal and Mrs. K. Row beat Miss L. M. Merchant and Lady Kania 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

MIXED DOUBLES SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. L. A. Mordant and C. L. Savara beat Mrs. H. Dayal and A. K. Dhawan 6-1, 2-6, 6-1.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES

Men's Singles Final: F. Bekkevold v. C. L. Savara on Court No. 1 at 5 p.m. to be followed by Mixed Doubles Final:—Miss L. M. Merchant and J. M. Kantawalla v. Mrs. Mordant and C. L. Savara.

Court No. 2: Women's Singles Final: Mrs. Dayal v. Miss L. M. Merchant.

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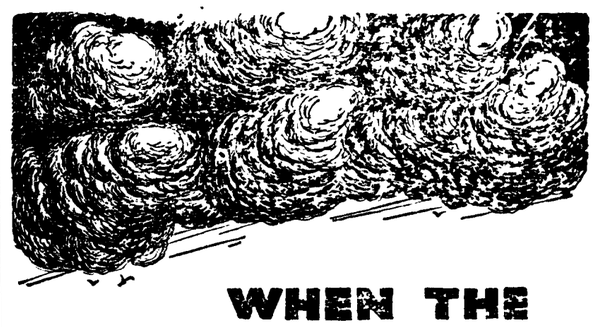

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POONA, April 9, (A.P.I.)

The following is the weather chart showng the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at 8 a.m on April 6.

Allahabad 98 69 0, BOMBAY 89 74 0, Calcutta 89 78 0, Cawnpore 97 65 0, Cuttack 93 79 0, Darjeeling 69 52 0, Delhi 97 63 0, Dehra Dun 86 63 0.1, Jacobabad 89 66 0, Karachi 81 74 0, Lahore 90 62 0.1, Lucknow 99 63 0, Madras 88 77 0, Nagpur 105 72 0, Patna 95 66 0, Peshawar 74 nil 0.5, Shillong 81 61 0, and Simla 64 40 0.2.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

It is nobler for a nation to struggle towards excellence with its own natural force and vitality, however blindly and vainly, than to live in irreproachable decency under expert guidances from without.

—H. W. Nevinson

The Bombay Chronicle

SAPRU PROPOSALS II

In releasing for publication its main proposals for the future constitution of India the Sapru Committee claims that "the principles here enunciated constitute a fair and effective basis for political settlement in India" and strongly recommends to all communities and parties to accept them. The proposals bear marks of compromise all over them and ample evidence of a desire to do justice to all the interests concerned. If never-the-less they fail to be accepted, as they are, by those interests it does not necessarily detract much from their intrinsic merits. All other proposals have fared the same fate so far, thanks to Government's policy of pampering the larger minorities and virtually giving them a veto on any decision of the majority. However, many are getting tired of the deadlock and of the method of bargaining irrespective of considerations of justice and national well-being. It may not be long before this reaction ends in a constitution based on sound principles, a constitution in which communal adjustments will not prejudice national well-being. In bringing about such a consummation the Sapru Committee's proposals, particularly the principles, facts and figures on which they are based, may play no mean part. For this reason more than any other we regret the Committee has not been able yet to publish the report as a whole. We trust it will be published very soon.

Of the main proposals now published those referring to the claims of a considerable section of the Muslim Community are naturally of the utmost importance. With regard to the Pakistan demand the Committee says it is "emphatically of opinion that any division of India into two or more separate independent sovereign states is unjustified and will endanger the peace and orderly progress of the whole country without any compensating advantage to any community and the political unity of India should, therefore, be maintained." The Committee also states that "no province of British India may elect not to accede to the union nor may any unit—whether a province or a state which has acceded—be entitled to secede therefrom." On the other hand the Committee attempts to safeguard the interests of Muslims on the basis of undivided India by giving them in the Central Legislature representation on a par with that given to caste Hindus, though the Muslim population in British India is only about 80 millions as against 150 million Hindus. This is a big concession, indeed, as it practically reduces a majority community to a minority and leaves no room for the fear expressed by many Muslims that they will be under a permanent tyranny of caste Hindus. It should be noted, however, that this concession is given to Muslims provided they accept joint electorates throughout with reservation of seats. Other safeguards granted to the Muslims are maximum powers to the provinces consistent with the safety of the interests of the country, vesting of residuary powers in the provinces, fair statutory representation of Muslims, as of other important minority communities, on the Executive, a declaration of the fundamental rights of freedom of worship and protection of their language and culture, and the institution of minority commissions both at the Centre and in the Provinces to safeguard the interests of minorities.

These and other safeguards conceded to the Muslims would ordinarily form a most hopeful basis for a communal settlement, though a difficulty may be caused by the best safeguard being made conditional on the acceptance of joint electorates. But apart from this difficulty, the popularity gained in recent years by the principle of self-determination for Muslims and the principle of Pakistan, though the latter is not yet clearly defined, seems to suggest that the best solution of the Hindu-Muslim problem may be on the basis of these principles, defined without prejudice to the rights of other communities. To speak more precisely, the proposals offered by Gandhiji to Mr. Jinnah are perhaps more calculated to lead to a settlement than those sponsored by the Sapru Committee. Nor can the former be regarded as prejudicial to the interests of the country as a whole as they insist that all subjects of all-India interest ought to be under central control. In any case, it will be well for Gandhiji and Mr. Jinnah to resume their negotiations in the light of the country's reactions to them and to the new proposals of the Sapru Committee.

Frankly Speaking

"Relief With Vengeance"

Commenting on the Hydari Mission, under the caption "Relief With Vengeance", we stated in our editorial yesterday that Britain would, in the name of relief, export to India 2.0 million yards of cotton cloth. We are authoritatively assured that no such exports are contemplated under the Hydari Agreement and that the Hydari Mission did not arrange for more British textile exports for the relief of Indian consumers. The relief the mission secured for civilian consumption arises from an agreed cut in supply to defence services and exports. This together with a prospective increase in production by mills is anticipated to reach 600 million yards in 1946. This imposing figure on paper is poor consolation to citizens who have to wait for one year before the promised millennium turns up. With cloth famine stalking the country and forcing people to the verge of nakedness in Bengal and Bihar, immediate relief is imperative, and the dope of a future to come will not do. We hope that Sir Akbar Hydari and the Textile Control Board which is meeting today will arrange for immediate and more substantial relief than a pair of dhoties for the head of the family.

The Suzuki Cabinet

Admiral Suzuki could not have begun under worse auspices. What greeted him were first a big superfort attack on Tokyo, which, incidentally delayed the formation of the Cabinet, second, a shattering blow to what remained of the Japanese Navy and the air force and, third, quite a considerable victory in Central Burma. All this was inevitable for the sufficient reason that the crisis has gone too far to be checked by any one or any means. Japan's doom nothing can stop. And it is noteworthy that Suzuki, as the London "Times" points out, has been able to collect only nonentities as his colleagues despite the fact that what was announced as coming was a cabinet of "the strongest personalities." Suzuki may yet appear in a role far different from that of a war-leader.

Sinister Development

Greek politics have taken a new and a sinister turn. General Plastiras and his Government have resigned. That would not ordinarily have been an unwelcome development. General Plastiras, although anti-monarchist, is more of a reactionary than a liberal. But he has been succeeded by Admiral Vulgaris, who, as the report recalls, quelled the mutiny in the Greek Navy. That "mutiny" was no more than a revolt against the reactionary policy of the Monarchist emigre regime. Admiral Vulgaris represents a serious danger, the danger of the establishment of the monarchy which the people of Greece very definitely do not want. It is a Royalist manoeuvre and it is extremely regrettable that the Regent should not have opposed it.

Bevin's Bombshell

After Mr. Churchill's electioneering address, some weeks back, to the Conservative Party Conference and the sharp reaction it provoked, things had been quiet. But now, Mr. Ernest Bevin has dropped a bombshell. The most important thing about it is that Mr. Bevin was supposed in some quarters to be somewhat favourable to Mr. Churchill's plan of an All-Party Government to succeed the present coalition. It had also been suggested or at least insinuated that Mr. Bevin did not altogether support the Labour Party's post-war economic and social programme for Britain. Mr. Bevin's two speeches at Leeds and Newcastle have shattered all that and Mr. Churchill's pleasant dreams of getting some Labour leaders into a Cabinet, the essential duty of which was to push forward the Conservative Party's own reactionary programme, have vanished.

Labour's Chances

That programme in the words of Miss Ellen Wilkinson, is "all power in industry to employers, all power in finance to bankers and back to the happy 1930's of enormous bank deposits and big queues." This is really what is meant by the Tory denunciation of "controls" and loud demands for free enterprise. Mr. Bevin's speeches as also Miss Wilkinson's are interpreted, moreover, as foreshadowing the early break-up of the present coalition itself. This seems quite likely and we may soon witness stirring electioneering activities in Britain. In the meantime Mr. Bevin has fired rather effective shots against the Conservatives and Mr. Churchill. But the thing of immediate interest is the comment of the 100 per cent Tory "Daily Mail" which, says Reuter's report, "thinks that it is unlikely that Labour will be returned, with a large majority." This seems to us to be an admission that Labour will win a majority, though not "a large majority." We hope it does, although we have no delusions regarding Labour's policy in respect of India.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

The ideal wife and the ideal husband are two of a kind that never make a pair.

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Many a man who wouldn't think of telling a lie is an adept at side-stepping the truth.

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Some men would rather sleep an hour later than to wake up and find themselves famous.

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The average man would be only too glad to pose as a retired captain of industry on half pay.

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The man who saves up something for a rainy day is the one who knows enough to go in when it rains.

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Listeners seldom expect to hear anything good of themselves, but they are usually satisfied if they hear something bad of others.

H. P. T. COLLEGE, NASIK

The Gokhale Education Society's Appeal

For the last twenty years the Gokhale Education Society has been conducting the Hansraj Pragji Thackersey College. It is now time to consider what further additions can be made to the work of the institution. The greatest need is the opening of the Science Classes in the College. To begin with, teaching upto the Inter Science Class is proposed to be started and as time passes the Degree Courses in Science may be started in due course. For the First Year Science and Inter Science Classes the minimum requirements are three Lecture Halls, four Laboratory Rooms and three Store Rooms. A few more rooms will be needed for a Museum, a Dark Room and a Science-Liberary. This means the construction of about thirteen halls and rooms. This is estimated to cost from Rs. 75,000 to Rs. 100,000. The furniture and apparatus will, in these days of high prices, cost nearly the same as the cost of the buildings.

Two more additions are essential on account of the growth of the institution. One is the Library and Assembly Hall in the absence of which we have to undergo great hardships and it becomes impossible to invite the public to our functions. This building is estimated to cost about Rs. 50,000. The other need is the addition of Hostel Accommodation. Fifty single rooms with kitchens, bathrooms and other conveniences will cost about Rs. 50,000.

Besides this the Gokhale Education Society desires to make due provision for scholarships and the free-boarding of deserving students. Donors desiring to provide for a scholarship, which would cover the College fees, can donate Rs. 5,000 for investment and from the interest, proper provision can be made for the fees of one student. Persons who would donate Rs. 2,000 for investment would be able to provide for the Hostel Rent of one student. Similarly one student can be provided with meals if Rs. 6,000 are donated for investment.

The Society appeals to the generosity of the public for munificent contributions to enable it to carry out these proposals and to introduce the Science courses at Nasik, which in these days are the most essential part of the educational system. It is unnecessary to point out that the advancement of the country deptnds entirely on the promotion of education, in which Science is bound to play a leading part. Without a scientific background the cry for technical education will be hollow and ineffective.

T. A. KULKARNI,
Chairman.

H. P. T. College,
Nasik, 5-2-45.

Sir Pherozshah Mehta Centenary.

I welcome the proposal to celebrate the Centenary. It should be done in a manner that may appeal to all citizens of Bombay and that may fill a crying need and prove of practical benefit to the community. I suggest that a Children's Health Insurance Fund should be raised and associated with the name of Sir Pherozshah. The Municipal Annual Reports have been emphasising the need for a more intensive effort in this direction. An opportunity to satisfy this need has arisen and should be seized.

Residents of Bombay cannot be unaware of the pitifully under-nourished children, children with limbs no thicker than a man's thumb, children so emaciated, one can count their ribs; children suffering from worm diseases, jundice dysentery, pneumonia, their stomanche distented, their eyes sunken faces drawn taut, bodies dehydrated, and generally, children constantly feeling the short comings in their diet. Such children need vitamins, iron, liver, massive doses of thiamine, thyroid and sulpha and penicillin. But these medicines are costly; and besides, the public (the middle classes no less than the poorer section of the community) require to be educated into the use of these medicines. The children are the future citizens of Bombay.

I therefore, submit that (as a vital factor in social security), a scheme of children's health insurance should be inaugurated in the city, a scheme that would insure good medical and hospital facilities to every child in the city regardless of ability to pay. I urge the medical profession and the public to join forces in putting the plan into action. The scheme should be on a voluntary basis and it is hoped that it will receive good financial support from the public; employers, employees and self-employed persons alike.

N. H. PANDIA.

"NAGPUR TIMES" APPEAL ADMITTED

NAGPUR, April 6 (A.P.I.)

A full bench of the Nagpur High Court consisting of Chief Justice Sir Frederick Grille, Justice Sir M. B. Niyogi and Mr. Justice Vivian Bose admitted to-day the appeal of the "Nagpur Times" against the orders of the C. P. Government forfeiting the security of Rs. 1,750 in November last and demanding a fresh security of Rs. 3,700 later on.

The Court has issued a notice to the Crown questioning why these orders should not be cancelled.

Cloth Famine And Cloth And Yarn Control

By D. G. Ubhayakar

The Cotton Cloth and Yarn Control Order measures no doubt have resulted in benefits such as scaling down of prices, dehoarding of stocks, etc. Nevertheless, serious shortage of Mill cloth in the country is very keenly felt. Trading channels are as usual blamed for it. But even granting that all trade is run on honest lines, fair distribution of cloth throughout the country so as to assure every individual his or her requirements cannot be ensured so long as consumers can buy unrestricted quantities of cloth while there is not enough Mill cloth to go round. The situation may be brought under control by immediately embarking on a twofold programme of stepping up mill production by standardisation and rationalisation, and also of prescribing cloth rations.

NEED FOR CONCENTRATION OF LOOMAGE

As to production, apart from standardisation and rationalisation of cloth generally required, Mills may concentrate loomage on urgent cloth such as sarees, dhoties, shirting, coating, longcloth, twill, drill, mulls, voils calico (for frocks), etc. till the situation improves. Production of any new types of utility cloth may be encouraged. Mills may be grouped according to their cotton preparations and not more than two types of urgent cloths be permitted to be produced in a mill from each cotton preparation. Heavy penalty may be imposed on Mills defaulting in respect of quality, standard, specifications, sorts etc. Besides care should be taken to see that cloth manufactured is not inferior but lasts longer than the period for which the rations are intended for. If loomage is not utilised on less urgent cloth like curtain cloth, bed-sheets, towels, furnishing fabric, etc., mills may increase output in rationalised urgent cloth varieties roughly by about 30 per cent. Normally in U.S.A. production of cotton textiles is based on standardisation and rationalisation. In U. K. as a war time measure utility cloths are produced, use of which is also prescribed in a certain manner. In India also restrictions for use of cloth may be placed if desirable or at least cloth may be rationed out based on normal needs of each class, exemption being granted in cases of babies, children, minors, pregnant women, invalids, sick persons and hospital requirements as also on such occasions as marriages, deaths, accidents and thefts, etc. Handprinters, Dyers, and Printing Mills must be allowed a share of business but the printed and dyed goods should be ultimately sold through retailers and hawkers in various places. Restrictions may be placed on civil cloth being converted into ready-made clothing by tailors and firms engaged in that trade.

YARN DISTRIBUTION

Standardisation in yarn may be adopted by the Mills. For yarn distribution also normal trading channels can be with advantage utilised. Mill quota holders and/or their sub-quota holders in Surplus Provinces, holding quota from Mills in the Deficit Provinces, need not be eliminated, but their services may be utilised and they may be directed to sell to retailers in other Deficit Areas. Associations if formed by wholesalers and retailers separately, may facilitate a better distribution. While scarcity of generally all yarn is felt, there is greater shortage of finer counts. Fine count handloom weaving is largely suspended in many areas resulting in unemployment which makes living conditions more difficult. If a restriction is placed up to 50 per cent on loomage to be engaged in fine counts whether by self-contained units or powerloom factories or mills who buy their requirements from spinning units or trading channels, large quantities of fine counts yarn may be made available for immediate distribution in handloom weaving centres where it is badly needed.

HANDLOOM INDUSTRY

While no end of trouble is being taken to regulate supplies to handloom weavers, it may not be unreasonable to ask them to assist in making available larger supplies of more urgent varieties. The weavers may be asked to organise production in given sorts and varieties so that the counts required by them and the exact quantity may be guaged and supplies arranged accordingly. The weavers must be compelled to form associations or to join associations where such associations are existing already. This step would tend to minimise distress and may not make things unbearably difficult for weavers individually. When an organised effort for production is made in this way, it may facilitate many more matters also. Malpractices in production calculated to make handloom cloth cheaper to withstand competition from powerloom cloth, may be eliminated. Handloom cloth may be given necessary protection against internal powerloom production and also foreign competition.

HAND-SPINNING

Hand spinning which has received of late a small aid from Government must be encouraged in an organised manner so as to realize to the fullest extent its unlimited potentialities. It may be recalled that as far back as two years, Sir Victor Sassoon, in anticipating shortage of yarn in India, strongly stressed the need for proper encouragement being given to hand spinning. In fact if yarn is made a unit of exchange for food rations, cloth rations and medicine, not only will it be a strong inducement for the much needed larger quantities of yarn being spun, but it will also employ a very large number of unfortunate women, dependents and destitutes, saving them from starvation, humiliation and suffering. An organised effort in this direction will open up many possibilities for encouraging and educating skilled workers in the long forgotten art of finer handspinning, and intricate handdyeing and weaving of the glorious standard of "Dacca Muslin". Production of cloth conforming to this standard would go a long way in restoring Indian Handloom Industry to its position in the world markets. Varieties of utility cloths calling for intricate hand-dyeing may be encouraged. At any rate, the handspinners, hand-dyers and also handloom weavers must know, or must learn to do the exact thing before anything like "Dacca Muslin" can be successfully produced.

If all handloom weavers are brought under the fold of one body or the other, and an organised production undertaken especially of urgent cloths required to begin with, the entire handloom production can be known and marketed in a healthy way. By mutual co-operation, the Mill and Powerloom Industry and the Handloom Industry could, under such organised planning, share the country's internal trade and export trade. Handloom Industry may also be ensured representation side by side with the Mill Industry in deputation sent abroad or those which the Indian Textile Industry may have to receive in order to negotiate overseas trade.

Last but not the least, will not charitably disposed persons hasten to send out even old clothing, if no new clothing could be sent for free distribution amongst destitutes in areas like Bengal where they may not afford to buy new cloth even if thousands of bales are urgently despatched there. An organised effort in this direction may as well be undertaken by institutions dedicated to social service such as Shree Ramakrishna Mission.

In view of the fact that various measures for bringing the cloth situation under control are being contemplated, it is hoped that the suggestions made above will receive due consideration.

U. S. AIRCRAFT CARRIER EXPLODES AND SINKS

Pacific Tragedy Of October Last Revealed

WASHINGTON, April 8 (A.P.I.): In one ghastly instant the light cruiser "Birmingham" suffered 649 casualties when the aircraft carrier "Princeton" lying nearby exploded, the U. S. Navy revealed today.

More than a third of the above number was killed instantly as the aircraft carrier's magazine cut loose just as the "Birmingham" appeared to be winning its five-hour battle to control the fire aboard the "Princeton" caused by a Japanese bomb, last October in the Pacific.

The cruiser is now repaired and is back in service. The "Princeton" was sunk.

The action occurred four days after D-Day on Leyte where both the ships assisted in the landing operations. A single Japanese plane dived from the clouds and planted its bomb on the "Princeton's" flight deck.

The "Birmingham" cast off its rescue work in order to repel the Japanese bomber attack. The attack was beaten off and the "Birmingham" returned.

The cruiser was only fifty feet away when the "Princeton's" magazine blew up. On the decks of the "Birmingham", the Navy said, blood ran so freely that sand had to be scattered for safe walking.

Inglis said the crew behaved magnificently.

The cruiser lost 299 men in dead and 420 men were injured.

SUZUKI PLEADS TO "TURN SCALES OF WAR"

LONDON, April 8 (A.P.I.): An appeal to the Japanese people to "turn the scales of the war" has been issued by Premier Suzuki following a conference with the emperor.

Earlier an imperial headquarters communique gravely admitted the loss of the battleship Yamato in battle with an American task force and, according to the Berlin radio over which it was heard here, virtually conceded that the Japanese fleet had sallied out in a hara-kiri thrust to prevent further American successes at Okinawa.

The loss of one cruiser and three destroyers also were announced, but the Japanese losses in aircraft (Admiral Nimitz put the figure at 417 planes) were ignored.

Suzuki added:

"Should these developments continue our country will be confronted by a very grave situation .... I myself will lead the nation and will with profound determination pursue the policy of the state."

DUMPS NEAR MOULMEIN ATTACKED

Enemy Positions Probed

ADV. HQ. ALFSEA, April 8 (Reuter): The following is the full text of today's SEAC communique:—

Air. Heavy bombers of Eastern Air Command, with fighter escort, yesterday attacked dumps near Moulmein airfield; Allied medium bombers hit stores and troop concentrations south-east of Thazi and near Toungoo, and fighters bombed supplies and soldiers quarters east of Taungup.

In the Central sector enemy positions were attacked north and south of Thazi and near Chauk, in the oilfield region.

Land: 14th Army Front: In the Seikpyau area, 32 miles south-west of Pakokku, strong fighting patrols are probing enemy positions.

BHAVNAGAR MILLS TO CLOSE DUE TO COAL SHORTAGE

(From Our Correspondent).

BHAVNAGAR, April 6.—New Jehangir Vakil Mill has informed labourers by special notice that owing to scarcity of coal the mill will be closed at any time without any previous notice. It is expected that Mahaluxmi Mill will also give such notice.

SHOLAPUR April 9 (U.P.I.)

Due to shortage of coal all Sholapur Cotton Mills will be kept closed for four days from April 10.

M. A. JINNAH OVERWORKED

Decides To Take Three Months' Rest At Matheran

NEW DELHI, April 9 (A.P.I.): Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the All-India Muslim League, in a statement says that he has been suffering from overwork, and that on the advice of his doctors he proposes to take complete rest for the next three months at least. He is leaving Delhi on Wednesday for Bombay, and later he will proceed to Matheran, where he will stay till the middle of June.

Mr Jinnah says:

"As there are various rumours of all sorts about my health, let me assure you all that there is nothing organically wrong with me. Nor do I suffer from any complaint, malady or disease of any kind. I am perfectly strong and healthy constitutionally. I am only suffering from overwork and the strain through which I have had to go, and the only remedy for it is complete rest."

In conclusion, I appeal to the office-bearers of the District and the Provincial Leagues and our people not to have any demonstration or arrange any reception, either on the way at any of the stations or anywhere else, as in my recent condition of health I am unable to stand any such strain. I am leaving Delhi on the 11th for Bombay and within a few days I hope to go to a small hill station nearby, known as Matheran, and propose to stay there till about the middle of June. My further programme is not yet fixed.

Bracken Replies To Bevin

LONDON, Monday (Reuter): The Minister of Information Mr. Brendan Bracken to-day replied in a speech at the local London Conservative Party luncheon to the Minister of Labour Mr. Ernest Bevin's attack on the Tory Party over the week-end.

Mr. Bracken said: "Surely the Government has enough to do without meddling directly in management of our trades and industries Britain will never accept the sort of totalitarian state desired by Socialists. Instead of messing about with nationalisation schemes which must inevitably create confusion, not to say chaos, the whole productive power of the country should be geared up to provide our people with homes, furniture and all the goods they so greatly deserve. Ample production will make controls pass swiftly and justly away."

APPROVER SAYS POLICE TUTORED HIM

MADRAS, April 9, (A.P.I.)

Jayanandan, approver and one of the principal prosecution witnesses in the Lakshmikantan Murder Case turned "hostile" today in the Sessions trial before Justice Sir Vere Mockett at the Madras High Court.

Disclaiming any knowledge about the alleged conspiracy by Theagaraja Bhagavathar, and N. S. Krishnan, two well-known South Indian film actors, and six others to murder Lakshmikantan, editor of the "Indu Nesan" a Tamil weekly, the witness said that he gave evidence before the Chief Presidency Magistrate under "police duress." He stated that he was "tutored" by the police and he actually knew nothing about the case.

GOVT. DROPS INSURANCE BILL

(From Our Correspondent.)

NEW DELHI, April 9.

The Insurance Bill is dropped at least for the current session. This follows a conference today between the Commerce Member and Party leaders as the result of which Government declined to proceed with the bill.

The Lobby view is that both in respect of this bill and the Income-Tax Bill India's big business has triumphed.

In view of this decision the Assembly session is expected be over earlier than April 12.

ASSEMBLY DEBATE ON BANKING BILL

NEW DELHI, April 9 (A.P.I.): The Central Assembly resumed the debate on Sir Jeremy Raisman's motion for reference to Select Committee of the Banking Bill.

Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar (Congress) said he thought that the bill before the House imposed restrictions that were not necessary and removed such of those restrictions as were essential. The Reserve Bank was given too much power and he urged that local Governments also should be empowered to ensure proper banking in the country.

Mr. Bhulabhai J. Desai, Leader of the Congress Party, referred to the reasons that led to the failure of certain well-known banks in Bombay and elsewhere so that the House might appreciate the provisions in the bill. It was essential that banks should not be allowed to carry on any other business except banking. He was glad that the bill provided for abolition of managing agents for banks.

Sir Cowasji Jehangir said that many of the bank failures to which Mr. Desai had alluded occurred after the last war and in the bill in any way helped to avert such catastrophes after this war, the House would have done a very good piece of work.

Mr. Manu Subedar said that the Reserve Bank had entirely failed as a national institution and had worked as a Government Department. Since the Bill sought to give very large powers to this institution the House had a right to insist that the bank should be made conscious of its responsibilities.

Seth Yusuf Abdoola Haroon (Muslim League) said that the Muslim community was very backward in the business of banking. He urged that the scope of the Bill should be widened to promote industry, commerce and post-war planning.

Mr. Haroon had not concluded when Mr. Krishnamachari's adjournment motion was taken up.

LONDON, April 9, (Reuter.) The Finnish radio said today that the Finnish Premier Minister Paasikivi handed the resignation of Government to the President his morning.

"The President asked Ministers to carry on until a new Government is formed", the radio said.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

NEW YORK, April 7: Russia is reported to have presented Turkey with a set of drastic demands for adjustment of Russo-Turkish relations. According to the reports, which cannot be confirmed, Moscow has requested a measure of Soviet control over the Dardanelles and, possibly, some adjustment of the frontier lines in the Caucasus.

—United Press of America.

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It isn't many days since Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru sent his annoying cable to Lord Wavell. Now he has published even a more annoying set of proposals for an Indian Union.

The question that we want to ask is: Is Dr. Sapru out maliciously to keep some people in a state of continuous and increasing provocation?

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"The time had come when every body had to submit to the judgment of the electors."

—Mr. Ernest Bevin addressing a British audience.

Sir Olaf Caroe must immediately rush to London to explain the true and genuine principles of democracy.

And if he is too busy knocking them into the thick heads of Central M.L.A.'s he could send "instructions" to Sir A. R. Mudaliar, Sir Firoz Khan Noon or Sir Francis Mudie to do so. But it is urgently necessary lest Britain go astray.

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Mr. A. S. Trollip has issued a second statement on the strike situation which you have already read and enjoyed on Monday morning.

Our first feeling is one of admiration for the energy, organisational and literary, that he has so unmistakably displayed.

Our second feeling is really a conviction that Providence gave to the BEST what should have been meant for the publicity department of a great Power.

Mr. Trollip has missed his real vocation. But there is still time. Won't he consider the question of a change?

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"It is but fair to add that the majority of the staff, individually, are loyal to the Company and reasonable in their attitude and, left to themselves would give no trouble."

—Mr. Trollip on Monday afternoon.

We are, of course, convinced. But, by the way, hadn't Mr. Trollip better read, if and when he is free, the history of the struggle and development of Trade Unionism in Britain? He will find many an echo of all this by ancient Trollips.

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Miss Ellen Wilkinson thinks that "Mr. Churchill is clearly in a state of alarm that the next Government should be drawn from the Conservative Party undiluted."

He wants some non-Conservative tools to do the—er—Tory job.

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The London "Times" points out that the new Jap Premier, Admiral Suzuki, has announced for his cabinet "the names of a collection of nonentities.

That perhaps is partly due to the activities of American celebrity-busting aircraft.

AIDING BIRTH OF 'NEW WORLD'

NEW YORK, April 4: Sumner Welles, former United States Undersecretary of State, in a radio address said it is imperative that the United Nations Conference in San Francisco produce "a righteous and practicable charter for a lasting international organization."

Welles spoke on the first of a series of programmes titled "World Peace Forum."

Cautioning that attainment of a perfected world organisation should not be expected immediately, Welles said that the San Francisco Conference "constituted the mightiest challenge to their wisdom, their vision and their determination which the free peoples of the earth have yet confronted."

Welles added:

"We must not at this time permit controversies over details to cloud our judgment or weaken our decision upon the essential—to make sure that an international organization is established and to see that our nation plays its due part therein in keeping the future peace of the world.

"A world is dying. It has been a rotten and disastrous world. A new world is struggling to be born. Faith and human intelligence can make of it a decent and an honourable world in which the nations of the earth can live in peace and in which peoples everywhere can live out their lives in freedom and security. That is the issue which must be faced successfully at San Francisco."—U.S.O. W.I.

Mexico Air Squadron Goes To Join War Against Japan

NEW YORK, April 8 (Reuter): The Mexico city radio monitored by the United States Federal Communications Commission reported to-day that Mexicos Expeditionary Air Squadron, 301 had left the United States for the Pacific base to participate in the war against Japan.

Result Of Librarianship Diploma Exam.

The following candidates were passed the examination for the diploma in Librarianship, of the Bombay University held in March '945:

Nos 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

"True Facts" About B.E.S.T. Strike

"Machinery Set Up By Govt. To Settle Labour Disputes Deliberately Ignored By Union," Says Director Of Information

The Director of Information, Bombay, writes:

The public are entitled to know the true facts about the strikes in the B.E.S.T. which have been interfering with transport in Bombay City.

Adjudication proceedings were held in connection with several demands put up by the B.E.S.T. Workers' Union and the final award was announced in December last. The Labour Department had asked the Union to put up a comprehensive list of demands and all the demands put up were duly considered and decided in the award. This award was made binding by the Government and was to continue for the duration of the war or, if either party gave notice to terminate, for a period of four months. The four months period is due to expire on April 14.

"ILLEGAL STRIKE"

During the pendency of the award, the great majority of the B.E.S.T. Transport Workers struck work on March 19 on an entirely fresh issue. It is illegal under the Essential Services Ordinance and the Defence of India Act for workers in an essential service to strike without due cause or to instigate a strike, and a legal procedure for settlement of disputes by adjudication has been provided. But these men struck without warning to the great inconvenience of the public. Four transport workers were arrested on that day not for the illegal strike but for intimidating loyal workers.

Again on April 3, most of the B. E. S. T. transport workers struck work for ten minutes at the request of the B.E.S.T. Workers' Union as a political demonstration. This strike was also illegal.

For the third time most of the B. E. S. T. transport workers struck work on Saturday, April 7. The reasons for this strike are that the case against the four men arrested for intimidation on March 19 was heard in court that day for the first time, and the President and the General Organiser of the Union were arrested on that day for causing a stoppage on April 3 This strike, which was also illegal, was caused because action was taken against transport workers for infringement of the law.

Thus on three occasions within the last three weeks the majority of the B.E.S.T. transport workers have resorted to unlawful stoppages of work to the great inconvenience of the public. The machinery which the Government has set up to settle labour disputes has been deliberately ignored by the Union and most of the transport workers and they have preferred to resort to illegal methods.

The Government has a duty to see that the essential srvices are maintained and has, therefore, assisted the B.E.S.T. Company to maintain as adequate temporary transport arrangements as possible while the stoppage is on. It is hoped that car owners will do what they can to help by giving lifts to persons unable to travel by bus or tram.

LABOUR LEADERS' COUNTER-CHARGES

"Behaviour Of Workers Exemplary"

Mr. D. S. Vaidya, Secretary, Bombay Committee of the Communist Party of India, Mr. S. G. Patkar, Secretary, Bombay Girni Kamgar Union (Red Flag), Mr. Shankerlingam, Secretary, G.I.P. Railway Workers Union, Parel: and Mr. Vithal Choudhery, Secretary, Iron and Steel Workers' Union (Red Flag), have issued the following statement in connection with the strike of the B. E. S. T. workers of Bombay.

Mr. Trollip, General Manager of the B.E.S.T. Company has issued a Statement charging the tramway workers with irresponsible behaviour and expressing the Company's determination to accept the 'challenge' thrown by the workers. Mr. Trollip's statement can be characterised only as the gross perversion of facts. The behaviour of the Tramway workers has always been exemplary. Had it been anything else there would have been strikes in the Tramway every six months, considering the attitude of the Management towards the workers. The lightning strike on the 19th of March was entirely a Company-provoked strike started by the insulting behaviour of the officials of the Company. Mr. Trollip is obviously exploiting the situation to crush a well-organised Union and angling for public symapthy. His Statement has added fuel to the fire and has created fear of victimisation in the minds of the workers. The action taken by the Authorities in arresting scores of workers deserves condemnation. In our opinion it is uncalled for and can only be described as repressive. The Tramway workers protested against the arrest of the Union officials—one of whom is an ex-worker. Their protest would have quietly terminated had the Police not started arresting worker after worker. We strongly condemn the arrests, and demand all those arrested should be released. We further deprecate the use of Police and Military personnel to run the services, and hope that all citizens will protest against this.

It is regrettable that after the arrest of Mr. Ifazat Rasoon, the leadership of the Union has passed into the hands of some irresponsible outsiders who have sabotaged every effort to open negotiations with the authorities. We call upon the workers to maintain their solidarity and elect a strong Committee to open negotiations with the Authorities for the release of those arrested.

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Corporation's Appeal To Both Parties

BOMBAY, Monday.

In the Bombay Municipal Corporation today, Mr. S. K. Patil, leader of the Congress Party, moving the adjournment of the House on the issue of the B.E.S.T. workers strike, said:

My object in moving this proposition is to voice the feelings of this Corporation in connection with the unfortunate strike which is now on in the City since the last three days in the transport service of the B. E. S. and T. Co. It may not be proper for us at this stage to sit in judgment upon the causes that have led to this strike. It cannot however be denied that whatever might be the reasons, the strike has resulted in extreme inconvenience and hardship to the citizens of Bombay. The Corporation is vitally interested in the welfare of the citizens and particularly in the transport services of the City. It is therefore our duty to see that the strike ends at an early date and the normal facilities of transport are once again restored to the citizens.

Without going into the merits of the question, I earnestly appeal to the authorities of the B.E.S.T. not to be hard and vindictive in their attitude towards the strikers. I also appeal to the workers on strike who have always rendered very excellent service to the City to be reasonable in their demands. I am sure in view of the increasing inconvenience to the citizens, both parties to the dispute will give up their extreme angularities and will come to some sort of an amicable settlement. I hope that this adjournment will help towards that settlement.

Mr. Patil then moved adjournment of the House which the Mayor put to vote and declared carried.

The House then was adjourned till Thursday.

B. E. S. T. CHIEF DEFENDS COMPANY'S STAND

Complains Of Misrepresentation By Newspapers

Mr. A. S. Trollip, General Manager of the B.E.S.T. Co., Ltd., in the course of his talk at a Press Conference held at the B.E.S.T. Company on Monday morning complained that the Company's position was misrepresented and groundless charges levelled against the officials.

They were as a matter of fact taken by surprize by the incidents and the situation consequent upon the arrests of four employees on a charge of intimidation and the arrests of the two leaders of the Union under the Defence of India Rules.

In spite of the intervention on the part of the Company, with the police to allay matters which the police viewed differently, without any intimation or information to the authorities, the B.E.S.T. employees went on strike. And the Newspapers without taking any notice of the real cause of the strike, were blaming and attacking the company indiscriminately for no fault of their own.

He pointed to the report that appeared in the "Bombay Sentinel". "The strikers once they take their vehicles to the depots refuse to take them back again and those who refuse are immediately put under arrest," was, he said false.

Mr. Trollip emphasized that they never refused to take them back. He also pointed out certain comments in other journals which he said are unjustified.

Thereupon replying to questions put by the press-men, Mr. Trollips said the company was ready to protect the accused Viz, Syed Pir Bashah, Jamshedji Framji, Vishvanath Vasudeo and Homi Kanel against the charges of intimidation. He admitted some of the conductors and drivers were very uncivil and impolite and rude to the passengers.

Regarding complaints from the Union, Mr. Trollip said that there were numerous complaints from the president of the Union, even before he was the President.

Majority of the staff who were on strike, were prepared to resume duty but they were afraid to do so. Inspite of this some members of the loyal staff had resumed at work. About 65 buses out of 140 were running. Out of 240 trams about 70 were running.

ACCIDENTS.

There were two bus accidents yesterday, one near Hughes Road and Mr. Trollip was not aware of the accident at Parel.

Since the police investigation was outside its jurisdiction and as they had already interfered in the initial stage and as they were the company was still prepared to protect their interests the strikers they should resume work.

Concluding he said that the Company was prepared to take all the strikers back. And it would be both in the interests of the strikers and the Company as well. He requested the various newspapers to correct the irrelevancy of certain reports.

The following statement was issued by the General Manager of the B.E.S.T. Company.

TROLLIP'S STATEMENT.

Clear as are the facts leading up to the present strike of B.E.S.T. bus and tram drivers and conductors, a section of the Press appears to have seen fit to misrepresent the position. It has unequivocally levelled the charge against the Company that it was "spoiling for a fight" and "seized this opportunity"; "also that it was reluctant to negotiate with the workers".

This is direct distortion of facts. On each and every occasion when the grievances of the traffic employees, real or imaginary, have been put forward, they have been given a thorough and sympathetic hearing and, where reasonable, all possible amelioration has been provided.

In the past few years their demands have become more frequent. On three separate occasions between 1942 and to-day, these demands were independently investigated. The last Adjudication Award was published on December 16, 1944, and is still in force—in this, the decision of the Adjudicator on account of Dearness Allowance is estimated to cost the Company Rs. 8,45,000 per year.

In spite of the readiness on the part of the Management to listen to their complaints and, wherever possible, to help them, the employees have continued to nurse disaffection. After the last strike of March 19, indiscipline among transport workers increased, as evidenced by the number of cases of rude behaviour to passengers, assaults on supervisory staff, etc.

In the case of the proceedings against the four men arrested on March 19th, the Management, when approached by the Union, actually contacted the Police on their behalf, but the Police took a different view of the situation and could not agree to drop the proceedings. When the leaders of the Union were arrested under the D.I.R., an action taken entirely independently by the Police, the men went on strike immediately without any previous intimation to the Company. Then the Union leaders demanded of the General Manager that he should get them released in order to settle the strike—a demand which is patently absurd and completely outside the Company's jurisdiction. Yet the Management are now asked to "negotiate" with the workers when there is obviously nothing on which the Company can negotiate.

Possibly the Management's attitude hitherto has been construed as weakness. If that is so, it is a misconstruction. The Company believes in fairness to its employees; it has done everything within reason and within its power to improve their lot. But it also has duties elsewhere, not the least of which is its obligations to the travelling public of Bombay. It has carefully and patiently studied the situation from every angle, and it feels that the time has now come when it must take the strongest possible action to prevent a recurrence of these illegal lightning strikes.

In the attempts at conciliation to date, the necessity to obviate inconvenience to city dwellers has been a major consideration. The Company is confident that the general public will agree that the stage has been reached where it would be better to resolve to put up with a period of bother in the sure expectation of permanent normalcy to follow, than to continue to accede to arbitrary demands and threats which seem always to end in paralysis of a service which, always essential, is absolutely vital in war time.

It is but fair to add that the majority of the staff, individually, are loyal to the Company and reasonable in their attitude and, left to themselves, would give no trouble. The present unrest is largely the work of a small extremist section of the Executive Committee of the Workers' Union. These men, belligerent, filled with misguided and absurd ideas of their alleged joint "rights" and their individual importance, are not above forcing their views on the majority when they deem it necessary.

Shirley Temple To Wed U. S. Air Force Sergeant

HOLLYWOOD, April 9, (Reuter): Parents of 16-year-old Shirley Temple announced today that she is to marry Sergeant John George Agar, 24-year-old member of the United States Army Air Forces. The couple do not intend to marry for two or possibly three years. Agar was formerly employed in a Chicago Chemical Laboratory.

B. E. S. T. STRIKE SEQUEL

In consequence of the sudden strike of the B. E. S. T. transport workers, the Company made an attempt on Monday to run its omnibus and tramway services with the help of Military personnel and other volunteers. Photograph at the left shows a military "conductor" selling a ticket to a passenger in a bus. At the right is a close-up of the bus-smash at Hughes Road corner.

The Sportsman's Sportsfolio

By J. C. MAITRA

The B.P.H.A. appears to be heading for a crisis. Its President, Sir Homi Mehta has tendered his resignation owing to, according to press reports "pressure of work". It, is however, common knowledge that Sir Homi, during his long connection with the Association, spared very little time for the Association or hockey in Bombay. Nobody would blame him for it personally, because he is a very busy man with his multifarious activities. But anybody who accepts a position of trust and responsibility is bound to serve it to the best of his ability.

SIR HOMI'S DEFICIENCY

Unfortunately Sir Homi's knowledge of hockey is on the debit side. Consequently he could hardly be expected to show any enthusiasm for a game about which he knew next to nothing. In fact the constitution of the B. P. H. A. has been framed in such a way that the President and Vice-Presidents of the Association are mere decorations. Their administrative function is practically nil. The rules do not demand their presence in the meetings of the Managing Committee at all. Is it any wonder therefore that they are always out of touch with its feelings and sentiments?

FORCE OF CIRCUMSTANCES

I do not mean to suggest that Sir Homi or any of the other gentlemen have no sympathy with the objects of the Association. So far as I know Sir Homi in particular, was always ready to lend a helping hand to the Association. But a man without the knowledge of the game can hardly be a friend, philosopher and guide as the President should be. So his resignation or retirement would not have caused any regret in the local hockey circles but for the force of circumstances which has brought it about.

DON'T REPEAT MISTAKE

At the present moment I am unable to go into further details owing to the peculiar position I hold in the hockey hierarchy of Bombay. I hope to be free from my entanglements ere long when I shall be free to say or write whatever I have in my mind. I do not know who is going to be the next President of the B. P. H. A. I only hope that it will be somebody who is well conversant with the game. The days of decorative Presidents and Vice-Presidents are gone. There must be men at the helm of affairs who can direct them into proper channels. High social position or status is of little value in a sporting organisation unless it brings with it the essential qualification of knowledge in the game. The B.P.H.A. must see to that.

MOHAMMEDAN SPORTING'S DEBUT

Two of the local favourite teams have made their exit from the Aga Khan Hockey Tournament. They are the City Police and the Lusitanians and both of them succumbed to outstation teams, showing, by the way, our comparative weaknes. The police lost to the Mohammedan Sporting of Calcutta. Few people here had any idea that the Mohammedans who has a great reputation in the soccer world of India, are also very good in hockey. News has it that this famous club will now pay more attention to hockey than to soccer. As it is, several of their star football players have joined other clubs in Calcutta. However that may be, their aspiration to repeat their football exploits on the hockey field will be watched with interest everywhere.

LOCAL FAVOURITES SUCCUMB

While our League Champions succumbed to the League leaders of Calcutta after a keen fight, the Aga Khan Cup holders the Lusies acknowledged defeat at the hands of the Kirkeeans, a team from Kirkee as the name implies. The Lusies held the visitors to draw twice but went down fighting keenly in the second replay—and that too after extra time was called. There is no doubt however as to the superiority of both these winning teams. Other up-country teams are now making their appearance in an impressive way. Thus the final stages of the competition hold out a good promise of interesting and attractive battles worthy of the premier tournament of our side.

In Burma:

ALLIES CAPTURE WELL-DEFENDED RIDGE

ADV. HQ. ALFSEA, April 9 (A.P.I.): Today's S.E.A.C. communique says: Fifteenth Indian Corps: In the area 66 miles north of Taungup, patrolling continued against stubborn Japanese rearguards.

At Taungup small Japanese raiding parties have been active.

Fourteenth Army Front: Our troops have captured a strongly defended ridge on the Taungtha-Kyaukpadang road south-west of Legyi, 24 miles south-south-east of Pakokku.

North-west of Thazi junction (14 miles east of Meiktila) an enemy strong point was captured.

Northern Combat Area: There was continued patrol activity south of Kyaukme and Hsipaw and along the roads south of Mongyai, by the Chinese Fiftieth Division and First Army troops.

New Finance Member Of Nizam's Council

HYDERABAD, (Deccan) April 9, (A.P.I.)

Mr. Zahed Hussain, Financial Commissioner of Railway, Government of India, has been appointed Finance Member of the Nizam's Executive Council for a period of three years from June next in place of Mr. Gulam Mohammed.

CIVIL SUPPLIES DEPUTY CHIEF SENTENCED

CALCUTTA, April 9, (A.P.I.)

Mr. R. Gupta, Chief Presidency Magistrate, sentenced today Lt.-Col. Alfred Ottaway, formerly an Assistant Director in the Civil Supplies Department, Bengal, under Section 168 I.P.C. to simple imprisonment for three months for carrying on private business while in Government employment, without previously obtaining the sanction of Government.

League Session In Autumn

LAHORE, April 9, (A.P.I.)

The All-India Muslim League session which was postponed owing to the illness of Mr. M. A. Jinnah, is now expected to be held in Autumn. The date will be fixed by the League Committee of Action which is meeting in New Delhi next week.

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speech has been the most surprising. When Gandhiji was arrested, she argued with Indians at the House of Commons that Mr. Churchill was a greater man than Gandhiji. She accused Gandhiji as not knowing his own mind and justified his arrest, as well as that of Pt. Nehru and Maulana Azad.

Speaking at Harrow—"Red" Ellen said Churchill's plea for men of all parties mean that Tories were in sheer dismay at having put before electors a programme which was in effect "all power to employers all power in finance to bankers" back to happy 1930's of enormous bank deposits and back to dole queues.

The Labour Party, she said, has pointed out that Peace like War must be won. This meant that full resources of the nation must scientifically be planned for winning peace as they had been planned to win war. The plan would be different but plan there must be, or this great country at the height its prestige would sink into dissolution and frustration of muddle swing wars.

END OF COALITION IN SIGHT

Other Labour men are expected daily now onwards to open fire against Tories and Mr. Churchill long before Japanese war has ended. These week-end speeches for labourites can only mean the end of coalition Government. Mr. Churchill is not the man to take anything lying down.

Mr. Bevin's break with Mr. Churchill is far more definite than ever Mr. Bevin's most intimate friends expected. Mr. Bevin resents Lord Beaverbrook's interference in the Cabinet affairs are equally Mr. Churchill resents the criticism of Lord Beaverbrook. Lord Beaverbrook wields more power to-day than any politician except Mr. Churchill.

Recently Lord Beaverbrook reorganised his editorial staffs, dismissing left-wing members.

Leading Conservatives however also dislike Lord Beaverbrook and may be, there will be more heard of Lord Beaverbrook before election guns commence firing but whatever now happens, Mr. Bevin's severe criticism of Conservatives and his references to Coalition Government, like war, not being one-man affair does not mean there won't be Coalition Government after war it does mean is that Mr. Churchill won't be the dominating figure in it.

Labour now feels, it may secure a majority and if Mr. Bevin and Mr. Bevin and Mr. Herbert Morrison can heal their differences Mr. Morrison may after war be the Labour Prime Minister of Britain.

Morrison To Replace Churchill After War?

Opposition To Coalition Govt. Gathers Momentum

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, April 9.

How nearly the European war is over can be guaged by the week-end attacks on Conservatives as also on Mr. Churchill by Labour men and women. Mr. Bevin's clear cut and merciless gibes at Mr. Churchill on Saturday were followed by Miss Ellen Wilkinson.

Mr. Attlee appears to have lost control of Cabinet members. He is regarded merely as an ex-public schoolboy, a figurehead and labour, virile hard labour, is on the steps leading to a peacetime paradoxical warpath wherein Mr. Churchill not regarded as Feuhrer by the left-wing.

Behind Mr. Bevin's anger again is the impish and slightly forbidding figure of Croesus Beaverbrook. Mr. Churchill and Mr. Bevin have not spoken for a fortnight. In the back is Lord Beaverbrook on whose shoulders the mantle of Mr. Churchill's favour, it is believed again is about to fall. Without doubt Mr. Bevin has hastened the burstup of Mr. Churchill's coalition as well as, hastened General Election. His was a deliberately planned attack which spared neither Mr. Churchill nor the rest of the Conservatives but ended all rumours about Mr. Bevin's personal position. Now that the election is coming Mr. Bevin and other Labourites see Lord Beaverbrook's influence suddenly sweeping over everything. Mr. Bevin blames Lord Beaverbrook for insisting on Mr. Churchill seeking the so-called national government composed mainly of Conservatives. Mr. Bevin himself believes that whatever party succeeds at the General Election, Britain must continue to have national government composed of main parties to see her through the immediate post-war years.

For this purpose Mr. Bevin prepared to work with people like Mr. Anthony Eden but not Lord Beaverbrook. Mr. Churchill practically put Lord Beaverbrook in charge of the Conservative campaign to obtain renewal of power.

BEVIN'S WARNING

Mr. Bevin made the most provocative speech at Tyneside on Sunday night "Hitler got his money and power from big business. I had the lurking fear that "big business" here might join up Nazis. Big business may leave Labour the sole force to fight aggression. Labour Leaders' coalition have not sacrificed a single principle wherefor the party stands but now we are parting ways and everybody has to submit to the judgments of electors. It is going to be toughest time in the national and international history. War has completely disproved the assertion that labour has not the ability govern."

Miss Ellen Wilkinson herself a parliamentary secretary closely linked with Mr. Morrison was more trusted than Mr. Bevin. To Indians, her

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Split Likely On Housing Policy

LONDON, April 9 (U.P.I.): There is every indication that the last days of the Coalition Government will be stormy, cables the political correspondent of the United Press of India.

In this connection, it seems certain that when Parliament re-assembles this week a debate on repairs of bomb damage will produce some fire works. Members of all parties are expected to give a hot reception to Mr. Duncan Sandys, Mr. Churchill's son-in-law, and Housing Minister as few are convinced by his paper figures.

Houses or rather the assence of houses may well bring about the dissolution of the Government. The Labour Party is officially demanding another debate on which votes can be taken.

This is a new development. Less than a fortnight ago Parliament discussed houses on a motion that could not call for a division thus indicating the Labour Party's unwillingness to split the Government on the housing policy.

A few days later the Administrative Committee of the Labour Party met. It opined that it was dissatisfied with the Government's statement and promised that a second debate could not be long delayed.

Three of the Labour Ministers are members of the Administrative Committee. It is, therefore, assumed that they have had to yield to the pressure of their non-ministerial colleagues

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APPLICATIONS with the necessary documents, should be sent to the Provincial Administrative Medical Officer concerned (Surgeon General or Inspector General of Civil Hospitals). Or they may be sent to the Director General, Indian Medical Service Imperial Secretariat, New Delhi. Note: Your application should contain all of the following facts:—(i) Name in Full (in Block letters), (ii) Address, (iii) Medical qualifications (iv) Date of Registration, (v) Date of Birth, (vi) Copies of testimonials, (vii) Details of previous appointment(s) held. No printed application forms are available. Typewritten or Handwritten forms may be used.

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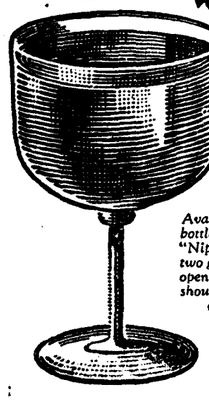

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Bevin's Speech Foreshadows Split In British Cabinet

Time Has Come When All Must Submit To Judgment Of Electors

New Castle:—The Minister of Labour, Mr. Ernest Bevin, whose speech at Leeds last night has been interpreted in some quarters as foreshadowing an early break up of the coalition government, referred to the subject again here tonight.

The country was at the parting of ways, he said. The time had come when everybody had to submit to the judgment of the electors. Labour would not funk the task of governing the country, if as he believed, it was thrown upon them.

The war had completely disproved the assertion that labour had not the ability to govern.

Earlier in the speech, Mr. Bevin said that he had a lurking fear that big business in this country might join up with big business of the Nuzis and leave labour as the sole force to fight aggression.

BREAK IMMINENT?

LONDON: The withdrawal of Labour Ministers from Britain's National Government has been brought very much nearer by the Labour Minister, Mr. Ernest Bevin's speech at Leeds on Saturday, according to the "Daily Mail" political correspondent to-day.

Mr. Bevin attacked the conservative party's record before the war and forecast a labour party win on its own programme at the coming general election.

The correspondent adds: "As political events are developing, there now seems to be the distinct possibility of a general election before the end of June. Until recently Mr. Bevin was on the warmest terms of friendship with Mr. Churchill. In the past ten days a notable chilliness is said to have sprung up between them".

A "Daily Mail" leader says that the vehemence of Mr. Bevin's denial that this had been "one man's war" betrayed "a surprising amount of personal feeling.

FREE ENTERPRISE.

The "Mail" thinks that it is unlikely that Labour will be returned with a large majority and says that Mr. Bevin has clarified the main issue of the election—controls versus free enterprise.

The only paper to make a plea for coalition is the Conservative journal of popular type, "Daily Sketch" After telling Mr. Bevin that every attempt to re-arm Britain before war was bitterly opposed by protagonists of the Labour Party, it asks if the emergency that created the present coalition has passed.

"Germany is nearly beaten and the threat to Japan grows stronger each day, but in Europe there will remain vast problems after the war, and the war in the orient has yet to be won.

When these issues are resolved there will be time for recriminations as to what happened before the present war."

"Both kindly and refreshing" is how Mr. Bevin's speech described by the influential Liberal journal "Manchester Guardian."

"Conservative Party's reactionaries have become more powerful", it says. "It is preparing for the same kind of economic messing to which it landed the country after the last war. Nor can the Conservative Party shelter behind Mr. Churchill in order to escape all probings into the miserable years before the war."

Bevin Discloses India Issue Under Careful Consideration

ADVISES COUNTRY TO REMAIN WITHIN COMMONWEALTH & AVOID CIVIL WAR

NEW CASTLE, April 8 (Reuter): The Minister of Labour Mr. Ernest Bevin said to-night that the Indian problem is under careful study. Mr. Bevin who was speaking at Blaydon-on-Tyne hoped that political leaders in India would turn their eyes forward and not be thinking of everything backward.

"We want the Indian people to have their liberty and their right to self-government, but we believe that it is in their interest and necessary for the future peace of the world that they should remain associated with the British Commonwealth of Nations", he said.

"If they do not, that great continent may be laid open for civil war or an attack from outside which would again probably produce another world struggle.

The British Commonwealth has found the key to liberty and unity being brought together. I am of the opinion that a strong and determined Labour Government will win the confidence of the Indian people for all time."

Unconditional Release of Political Prisoners

NEW DELHI, April 8 (A. P. I.). The immediate and unconditional release of all political prisoners in the country was demanded by the Delhi Political Prisoners' Relief Conference which concluded its two-day session to-night. Dr. S. S. Ansari presided to-day in place of Mr. Shri Perkash M.L.A. (Central).

The resolution on the release of political prisoners was moved by Mr. Ram Lal Verma which ran thus:—

"The conference sends its warm greetings to all the political prisoners and detenus of Delhi now detained in Ferozepore and other jails and assures them its whole-hearted support to the cause of freedom for which they have suffered and are still suffering.

"This conference offers its respectful homage to all the martyrs of the nation.

"The continued incarceration of our political leaders and workers is a standing condemnation of the imperialist bureaucracy and its policy of suppressing the democratic rights and liberties of the Indian people.

It is this policy which has completely isolated the imperialists not only from the Indian people but also from all the freedom-loving peoples of the world, who are realising more and more that without the peoples' leaders at the helm of affairs, the Indian bureaucracy has utterly failed to solve even one single problem that has faced the country during war.

By another resolution the conference strongly supported the national demand for the commutation of death sentence passed on Ashti and Chimur prisoners and called upon the members of the Delhi Municipal Committee to vindicate their honour prestige and self-respect as well as their right to express their views in all matters of national and public importance by all possible constitutional means.

London Committee To Make Fresh Appeal For Bengal Relief Funds

LONDON, April 8 (Reuter): The London Central and Provincial Sub-Committees of the Indian Relief Committee meeting here to-day decided to make a fresh appeal for funds for Bengal Relief and Rehabilitation. About 50 delegates attended.

The President of the Committee, Mr. Clement Davies, Member of Parliament, who presided announced receipt of a cable from India appealing for urgent assistance in view of epidemics in various provinces of India.

Siberia Can Defend Itself

Edgar Snow On Russian Strength In Far East

(From Our Correspondent)
LONDON, April 6.

There are a few reliable estimates about the strength of Russian forces in the Far East. If there is one section of the U.S.S.R. which is secret it is Siberia. But, according to Edgar Snow, who spent several months in Russia in 1944, the strength of the main Red Army facing Japan would be between 10 to 15 millions. Snow states that the Red Army east of Lake Baikal is no longer dependent on Europe. It has three zones of industrial support behind it—not only the Urals and the Kuznetsk area but a young industry is rapidly upgrowing in the Far Eastern territory itself. Nobody outside the Red Army could know how many troops are diverted at Vladivostok and Chita away from the main front in Europe, but 200,000 is the one commonly accepted figure. Its firstline air strength is to be believed rather small. The Red Navy in this area in 1943, it is thought, comprised about 60 submarines.

There are said to be 17 million people living in the Siberian hinterland —a human reservoir which should be able to absorb any initial blows without heavy reinforcements from the west. Russian officers who had served in that area and some who participated in the battle of Changkufeng were uniformly cocksure about the ability of Siberia and the Far East to take care of itself, alone if necessary, says Snow.

1,500,000 Russians Ready For Japs

LONDON, April 7 (Globe): Russia has a secret army in the Far East which is probably the best-equipped and most carefully trained army in the world. Information regarding this Army, on the borders of Manchukuo was strictly guarded before the war. Apart from confidential information which Marshal Stalin has personally given Premier Churchill and President Roosevelt, it is doubtful whether the Western Allies know much more now.

This Far Eastern Army has been untouched for the purposes of the war in the West. It is believed to comprise at least 1,500,000 men, but, writes Globe's military correspondent, the figure may be much higher.

BERNE BANK VICE-PRESIDENT SHOT DEAD

NEW YORK, April 8. (Reuter): The former Vice-President of the Bank of International Settlements at Berne, Mr. Leon Fraser has died of gunshot wounds near New York. Police have not yet disclosed any information about the shooting.

Mr. Fraser was General Counsel to the Dawe's plan and was the Paris representative in reparations payments commission from 1924 to 1927.

EGYPT AND HOLY SEE

ROME, April 8 (Reuter): Nothing is known in Vatican quarters of the alleged desire of Egypt to establish diplomatic relations with the Holy See. They, therefore, withold comment on yesterday's Cairo report that a proposal for the appointment of an Egyptian Envoy to the Holy See is being considered by the Egyptian Foreign Ministry.

Nazis Murder Inmates Of Concentration Camp

Gen. Patton's Army Finds Several Thousands Of Different Nationalities Killed

LONDON, April 8 (Reuter): Reuter's special correspondent with the Third United States Army, writes: Troops of General Patton's Fourth Armoured Division who called at the home of the Nazi burgomaster of Ohrdruf, eight miles south of Gotha, where several thousand inmates of a concentration camp had been shot and burned to death, found the burgomaster and his wife hanged.

The hangings were apparently suicide. The discovery was made after the American troops took 28 towns' people, including prominent members of Nazi Party, on a conducted tour of the concentration camp, where they saw what had been done to the inmates and looked without emotion at the bodies of 75 victims of mixed nationalities—Poles, Czechs, French Belgians, Russians and some German political prisoners.

The most gruesome sight was a great "grill" made of railway lines over a big pit in some woods a few miles from the camp where the bodies of the victims were cremated. The charred remains of ten bodies were still heaped on the top of the grill and the pit below where the fire was deep in human ashes.

"Gneisenau" Scuttled

LONDON, April 7 (Globe): The German battle cruiser Gneisenau has been scuttled. The remnant of the High Seas Fleet which fled from Gydnia and the Baltic now lies under the bomb doors of the R.A.F. and United States 8th Air Forces, says "Daily Express" naval correspondent William Crumley.

All that are now left of Hitler's big ships are: two pocket battleships; two heavy cruisers; three light cruisers.

TEXTILE INDUSTRY AND POST-WAR PLANS

(From Our Correspondent)
AHMEDABAD, April 7.

It is reliably gathered from local industrial circles that in order to take the benefit of post-war plans a number of textile mills of India have placed orders in foreign countries for textile machinery worth Rs. eight to ten crores upto now.

It is further learnt a majority of these orders have been placed from the Punjab, Bengal and United Provinces. It is learnt in this connection that Government has decided to give permission to erect new mills only in deficit areas and according to this policy no new textile mills will be established in Bombay province as it is surplus area.

Breeding Of Test-Tube Babies Revolting, Says British Primate

"Wife's Act Of Receiving Seed From Man Not Her Husband Has Malice Of Adultery"

LONDON, April 9 (Reuter).—The Roman-Catholic Archbishop of Westminster, Doctor Bernard Griffin, today made a strong plea to the medical profession to oppose human artificial insemination which he described as a "revolting" practice.

Speaking to Roman Catholic doctors, he said: "After successful experiments of artificial insemination of cattle, there are voluntary clinics which are attempting the same experiments on human beings. The very mention of such a practice is revolting.

"I do not refer to what I should describe as assisted insemination of the wife after normal intercourse with her husband. We are concerned with the practice of artificial insemination of the wife with the seed of a man, who is not her husband. Such practice offends against the dignity of man, sins against the law of nature, and is unjust to the offspring. The donor of the seed is reduced to the status of a stallion. Further, the usual method by which the seed is obtained, namely by pollution, is gravely sinful even if it is obtained from her husband.

MALICE OF ADULTERY

"The act of a wife in receiving the seed of one who is not her husband has the malice of adultery.

"This practice is against the natural and moral law by which procreation of a child takes place within the family, and the father of the child undertakes duties of upbringing of his progeny. No consent of the husband and the wife can remove the immorality from the act. I trust the medical profession will oppose the production of what have been described as test-tube babies and attempt to stud breeding of human beings.

"The practice of human artificial insemination was condemned by the Church in 1897 and a Catholic doctor will therefore not be a party to such an operation."

Recalling a statement in which he had dealt with the National Health Service, the Archbishop added that the direction of doctors by the Central Medical Board as envisaged in the Health Plan would mean "that young doctors would be compelled to work in public health centres where teaching and practice contrary to the teachings of the Church may exist."

IDENTITY KEPT SECRET

Artificial insemination for human beings has been practised fairly frequently in this country during the past two or three years, a scientist told Reuter tonight. The doctor, who maintains absolute discretion, guarantees that the child's mother will never know the identity of its father—and 'vice versa.'

"Sperm banks" on the model of "blood banks" which have proved so valuable during the war are impossible, according to this scientist.

The case for science in advocating artificial insemination appears to be that psychological case book experience shows that childlessness often seriously upsets a woman's mental balance and that artificial insemination is preferable to either insanity or divorce.

Correspondence With Rumania And Finland

NEW DELHI, April 6 (A.P.I.): In accordance with the action taken by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, the Government of India have authorised persons and concerns in British India to have correspondence with persons and concerns in Rumania and Finland, subject to the condition that business and financial correspondence is confined to ascertaining facts and exchanging information only, says a Press Communique.

Banks and other financial institutions may now reply to request for information from their depositors in Rumania or Finland; but remittances from British India to those countries, unless specifically authorised, are not permissible.

"A Powerful Man Is Going To Die In Europe"

LONDON, April 8 (Globe).—The significance of a meteor seen recently at Owerri, Nigeria, moving across the sky from west to east at terrific speed has been explained by local soothsayers. They say it is an omen that a powerful man is going to die in Europe. Opinion is unanimous regarding his probable identity.

PRELIMINARY PLAN FOR WORLD COURT

WASHINGTON, April 7 (A.P.A.): Thirty nations have signified their intention to take part in the drafting of a preliminary plan for a world court and their representatives will be here on Monday.

The plan will be submitted to the United Nations conference at San Francisco. All the delegates attending San Francisco have been invited.

The acceptances were Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Columbia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, The Dominican Republic, Haiti, Honduras, Iran, Iraq, Liberia, Mexico Netherlands, New Zealand, Panama Paraguay, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Russia, Uruguay, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, Great Britain, Greece and the United States.

ECONOMY POINTS

—FOR INDIA'S SAKE!
—FOR YOUR SAKE!

To help the poor, all of us must go short of many things in these days. By consuming less, you make more available to those who really need it. Be proud to wear a darned collar or patched shoes! In these times it is patriotic, in fact fashionable, to be frugal.

There's another consideration too. Making do with old things, economising in the use of *everything* everyday, means extra savings—more rupees in hand to spend when prices fall

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2 FOR SHORT JOURNEYS —WALK OR CYCLE. SAVE THE ANNAS!

3 SERVE FEWER DISHES AT EACH MEAL.

4 A WELL TENDED LAMP USES LESS KEROSENE

5 BUY NO NEW JEWELLERY. IT IS NOT WORTH THE PRICE YOU PAY.

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Drastic Drop In Cotton Prices

Bullion Market Strong On Heavy Buying

SHARES QUIETLY STEADY

BOMBAY, APRIL 9.

While the local Share Bazar ruled steady today on scattered buying but the improvement brought about some realising. Price movement was narrow and most of the trading was of a routine nature. Outside participation was absent as there is more disposition to await developments. As a result of day's trading Tata Steel Dfds. gained Rs 17/- and Ordinary Shares improved Rs.3/- Bombay Dyeings were quoted Ex-Dividend Rs. 50/- at Rs. 1763/- while Kohinoors lost Rs. 6/- Century Shares were Rs. 5/- lower but Nagpur's gained Rs. 2/- Cements were in Demand and recorded a rise of Rs. 4/-

Professional Bears depressed cotton on exclusive Sales. The market lost all confidence and heavy liquidation resulted in a loss of Rs. 10/-per candy. The market is entirely at the mercy of Bears and opinions have no value as supply and demand rule does not operate. Bullion market was strong on extensive buying and heavy short covering. There was scarcity of contracts and prices recorded substantial gains.

SHARE BAZAR

The Bombay Stock Exchange was quietly steady with a restricted turnover and there was no inclination to buy. The seeming end of the European war has damped general feeling and there is a marked absence of any good investment demand. However the market is well liquidated but in the absence of contructive news buyers are holding aloof. The market feeling is based on peace prospects. Tata Steel Dfds. opened at Rs. 1997 and steadied at Rs 2000. Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 374 and steadied at Rs. 375. Bombay Dyeing Shares opened X. D. at Rs. 1770 and ruled quiet. Kohinoor Mill Shares opened at Rs. 587 and were placed at Rs. 586.

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares Mills

Apollo 3/12 3/11/9
Bharat 9/1/12
B. Dyeing 1706/4 75 70 72/8 62/8 63/12 (ex. Div)
Central India (Ord) 876 76/8 75 76 74/8 75
Central India (Prof) 737/8
Century 915 12/8 15
Colaba 208 7
Edward 007/8 66/4 65 67/8 60
Elphinstone (Ord) 81/8 82/8
Elphinstone Pref 121/8
Finlay 296 96 94 95 92
Gokak 290 93/8 90
India United Defd 2/14 2/14/3 2/14
India United Ord 14/0/6 14 14/3 13/15.
Indore 710 1/4 2/8 700 706/4 701/4
Kohinoor 584 89 86 87 82 83
Lauxmi Cotton 130/8
Maanusuan 402/6
Meyer 177/8 74/6 75
Model 225 21/8 22/8
Morarjee 600 81/4 85
New Great 364 64/8 63 64/8
Phoenix 65/7/6
Sassoon Cotton 21/12
Simplex 224 40/6 44/8 45 43
Swadesi 600 34 32 33 31
Swan 223 22/8 23
Tata Mills 62 50 54
Ahmedabad Prantej Rly 725
BANKS.
Baroda 135/8
Central 70/12 75/8 76 75/8
Hadib 78
Imperial (New) 490
India 164 82/8
Reserve 133 33/8
National Savings (P.P.) 37
ELECTRIC
Ahmedabad 200/12
Andhra Valley 1760
Tram (Ord) 146 46/3 45/8 46
Karachi 221/4
Surat 225
Hydro 205
Power 1602/8 55
INSURANCE COS:
Empire 1100
New India 76/12. 76 76/8 76/4
Universal Fire 20 (Ex. Right)
Scindia 31/3 31/4 31/1 31/6 31/3 31/4 31/3
Tata Steel (Defd) 1995 2005 1997/8 2003/12 1996/4 2001/4 1997/8
Tata Steel (Ord) 3/4 75 73/8 76/8 75/8 76/8 75/8 75 74/8
Tata Steel 2nd Pref 138/12 58
MISCELLANEOUS
Alcock 393/12 97/8
A. Cement 224/8 26/4 25/12 27 26/8 27/4
Belapur 214 13 13/8
Burmah (Old) 605 10
B. B. Petrol 4/11/6 4/11 4/11/6
Port Canning 104
P. Construction (Ord) 198/8 99 98 99/8
Shivrajpur 49 50
Tata Chemical 20 20/2 20
Tata Oil 62/8
Berar Mig. 292/8
New Union Mills 22/12

Indian Stock Exchange

Tata Ordinary 375 Tata Deferred 1997/8 Indian Iron 36/11 Steel Corpn of Bengal 32/2 Bombay Dyeing 1760 Central India 375 Century 915 Gokak 290 Kohinoor 582/8 Simplex 243 Andhra Valley 1760 Tata Hydro 205 Tata Power 7855 Associated Cement 221/4 Belapur 213/2 Bombay Burma (Ord) 510

GOLD & SILVER

The Reserve Bank of India sold to-day 300 bars Silver at Rs. 130 and 20,000 tolas Gold at Rs. 73/15.

The local market opened steady at Rs. 73/12 for the current Gold Settlement and improved to Rs. 74/2 and steadied at Rs. 74. Next Settlement was quoted at Rs. 73/4. Ready Gold was placed at Rs. 74. Forward Silver was quoted at Rs. 130 and next settlement was placed at Rs. 129. Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 130/8. The daily offtake remains fairly good and short sales provides usual scarcity of contracts with the result that week after week, Bulls are able to carry over their long interest without any risk of tenders and at the same time are making handsome profits.

The market was very firm on active buying and closing quotations were as under:

Ready Silver	132	4	0
Silver Current Settlement	131	12	0
Silver next Settlement	130	6	0
Ready Gold	75	8	0
Gold Current Settlement	74	13	0
Gold next Settlement	74	2	0
Sovereings	51	8	0

High And Low Cotton Prices

	Hi.	Lo.	Close.
I.C.C. May	434	431/12	432/8
I.C.C. July	450	447/8	448/8
I.C.C. Sept.	458	456/4	457/8

BOMBAY COTTON

The local Cotton Market opened steady at Rs. 443 for May delivery and declined to a new low level of Rs. 430. There was tired long liquidation and Bears are depressing quotations on the belief that tenders against May contract's will not be taken up. The general sentiment remains bearish as bulls have withdrawn their support and cotton has no friend.

Later on there was extensive selling by professional Bears and May declined to Rs. 422 and thereafter steadied at Rs. 424. The way in which the market behaves clearly indicate that Bears are birtual dictators and the present design of trading favours them. The market exists mainly on speculative enterprise and has nothing to do with the fundamental. situation of supply and demand. Under such a state opinions have little room and one can safely say after the experience of recent years that during the market period cotton is the best sale as neither farmers nor middlemen will be able to hold cotton. The surveys and appeals are uncertain and the method is very defective. There was persistent selling and May declined to Rs. 419. The market closed at about the lowest level of the day at 6 p.m. as under:

I C C May	419	0	0
I C C July	435	12	0
I C C September	446	0	0

Cotton Parity

Indian Cotton May Contract is 550 cent points below New York May at Exchange rate 331.

Kutch Hundi

BHUJ, April 9.

To-day Hundi Koris 354/8. Silver Rs. 106/6. Gold Rs. 71/9.

Bombay Produce

The local market was quietly steady with a slightly improved inquiry from shippers for Linseed on expectations of buying by the ministry. Groundnuts Khandesh quality were placed at Rs. 14/4 and Bold were quoted at Rs. 13/12. Goa delivery quotation was Rs. 14. Castorseeds Bombay ready stood at Rs. 15/5 while Goa delivery was quoted at Rs. 15/7. Linseed C. P. and U. P. was quoted at Rs. 15/12 and N. S. Railway was quoted at Rs. 15/11.

3½ PER CENT PAPER

BOMBAY, APRIL 9.

The 3½ per cent Government paper was very steady at Rs. 99/11.

COTTON EXPORT SUBSIDY PROGRAMME MEETING SUCCESS

Weekly Review

Cotton prices edged forward in the past week under the leadership of new crop months influenced by Senator Bilbrandt's recommendation that the Commodity Credit Corporation would call all 1942 and 1944 loans and by the higher mid-March parity. Additional factors stimulating the market were indications that Government would assures producers full parities next season despite the possible elimination of the purchasing programme and the belief that the end of the European conflict would see a suostantial increase in demand abroad for cotton goods. The U. S. Government export subsidy programme is meeting with some success, although the volume shipped is still sharply below the pre-war era. It has been reported that Switzerland will buy hundred thousand bales this year, in order to alleviate the pent-up demand in that country. Producers continue to complain vehemently of growing labour and equipment shortages with rather sharp reductions in acreage anticipated throughout the entire belt.

Short Covering In N. Y. Cotton Market

NEW YORK, April 7.

Prices held steady on over-night price-fixing and emphasis on yesterday's bullish factors, but the market then sagged on realising due to good war news and the usual week-end uncertainties. Prices finally steadied on trade support and covering and in sympathy with grains. The session closed very steady.

July opened at 21.98 and declined to 21.93. Thereafter there was improved buying and July advanced to 21.99. The market closed unchanged to 5 points higher. Spot cotton was unchanged at 22.53c. per lb.

Calicut Quotations

CALICUT, April 9.

Cocoanuts Raw 82, Dry 79, Cocoanut-Oil 320, Copra Office 191/4, Dilpasand 205, Madrasnottam 215, Goodgooda 215, Pepper Wynaad 370, Country 365, Dry Ginger Chernad 250 Ernad 230, Coffee Robusta' 84.

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, April 9.

LONDON: Banks buying 90 days/st. 1/6 7/32 1 and 2 months, 1/6 1/4 3 to 6 months.

B. C. Rates: T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16

Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32

Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 1/32.

LDN/NEW YORK:

Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4 D D Rs 332 3/4

Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2 D D Rs. 327 1/2.

LDN/MONTREAL:

Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2 D D Rs 302 1/2

Banks buying T T Rs 297 3/4 D D Rs 295 3/4

Tone of Sterling Exchange. Quiet.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 p.c. Bank of England Rate 2 p.c.

Money:—Call one and two months 1/4 p.c. 3 to 6 months 1/2 p.c. 6 to 11 months 3/4 p.c. 12 months 1 1/4 p.c.

Tone:—Easy.

India Needs Three Lakhs Of Doctors

Bhore Health Development Survey Committee Recommendations

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, April 7.

Bhore Health Development Survey Committee has finished its labours and is expected to submit its report to the Government of India by the end of this month.

The committee is believed to have made scathing criticism of public health organisation in this country. The level of health in India is low. Preventible epidemic diseases such as small-pox, typhoid, dysenteries, cholera and malaria are widespread. Resistance of population to disease is low. Malnutrition and nutritional diseases are omnipresent. According to reports the Committee holds that at least three lakhs of doctors are the minimum requirement for India as against 42,000 doctors at present.

Among other things the committee it is understood, has suggested that in every unit of 30 lakhs of population, one medical college be opened in the beginning and the existing hospitals be brought up-to-date. It is also suggested that the use of preventive medicine be made compulsory for all medical students. Ministry of Public Health be appointed at the centre as well as in provinces is another important recommendation believed to have been made by the committee. Great emphasis is laid on the training of medical personnel such as doctors and nurses for which purpose a Central Medical College at Delhi is recommended. So also a regular scheme for advance training of doctors in countries such as U. K. and U.S.A and Russia.

The trend of the committee is believed towards centralisation.

Brahmachary Ashram (Masur) At Ambernath Catches Fire

Mr. M. B. Joshi, Secretary, Brahmacharyashram Masur, Ambernath wires:—

The Brahmacharyashram, (Masur centre) at Ambernath caught fire on Thursday afternoon. Considerable loss was caused to the compound material and the valuable garden. Fire was later brought under control.

Renewed Buying On Calcutta

CALCUTTA, April 9.

The market ruled slightly better on renewed buying after the weekend and a good business was put through. Government securities kept steady.

Following are today's final transactions:—

GOVT. SECURITIES: 3 per cent defence loan 1949/52 101/12 s. lot 3 per cent loan 1961/64 100/10 s. l. lot 3 per cent loan 1963/65 100/6/6 3 per cent Victory Bonds 1957 99/15 3 per cent Loan 1966/68 93/8 s. lot 3-1/2 per cent Govt. Paper 99/12.

BANKS: Imperial Bank (Comty) 490 Reserve Bank 132/8 s. lots.

COTTON: Barsani 12/1 Rwomam 16/11 Dunbar 585 Muid Mills 410 New Victoria Ordy 7/6.

COALS: Amalgamated 51/12 Bengal 6/4 Bokaro 31/4 Kamgur 4/8 Burrakur 41/8 Central Kurkend 34 Equitable 67/2 Tnusick and Mustia 12/14 New Beerbhoom 38/14 New Churulia 12/4 North Lembuda 16 Raneegunge 43/12 Satpukuria and Asansol 10/1 South Karanpura 23/16 Bhalgora 20/2 Burra Dhemo 10/10 s. lot Dhemo Main 26/13 Parasea 10/13 Sarsole 11/13 Talcher 11/11.

JUTES: Anglo-India 469 Baranagoere 215 Champany 255 Howrah 67/8 Kanknarran 515 Kinnison 310 s. lot New Central 603 Presidency 11/13 Reliance 75/4 Sally 302 Budge Budge 501 Kamarhaty 690 Kelvin 965 Orient 505 Ekday.

MISCELLANEOUS: Burma Corpn 5 Indian Copper 2/14 Tavoy Tin 2/10 Consolidated Tin 2/6 Karanpura Development 31/12 Assam Bengal Cement 19/12 Dadua Cement 15/6 Alkali and Chemical 25/8 Arthur Butler 25/10 Baartia Elec Steel 21/14 Braithwaite & Co 11/12 Kumardubi Eng 10/4 Indian Iron 38/11 National Iron 11/9 Jessop and Co 24 Steel Corpn 32/6 B I Corpn 6/3 Indian National Airways 25/5 Spence & Co 13/14 British Burma Petroleum 4/14 Mysore Paper 22 Sree Gopal Paper 15/6 Titaghur Paper 27/2 SUGARS: Belsund 14/10 Crew 26/6 Ramnugger Cane 14/2 TEA: Tezpore 21/6.

Metal Quotations

BOMBAY, April 9.

BHANGAR

Copper Ready	141	0	0
Copper Chaitra	136	0	0
Brass Ready	152	0	0
Bras Chaitra	135	4	0

HAPUR QUOTATIONS

HAPUR, April 9.

Wheat Control Rate 10/4 Stocks 38 Khattiss Gram 8 Barley 6/6. Peas 6/4 Old Khatti 5/8 Arhar 7/1 (9) and 6/12 Maize 6 Bajra 7/4 Masoor 10 Muskmardseed 11 Gar 9/2 Raw Sugar 11 Cotton Seed 10/4 Chalki 9/4 Uru 14 Moong 11 Silver 130/6 Gold 72/14 Steady Bardana Asoj 54/14 Chat 54/14 Gunwar Balsakh 7/4/6.

BANKERS' CLEARING

Cheaques delivered through the Bombay Bankers' Clearing House during the week ending 6th April were as under:—

Number of Cheques: 165,753

Amount of Cheques: Rs. 62,64,96,896/8/6

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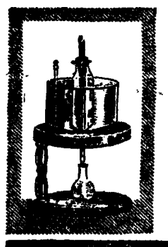

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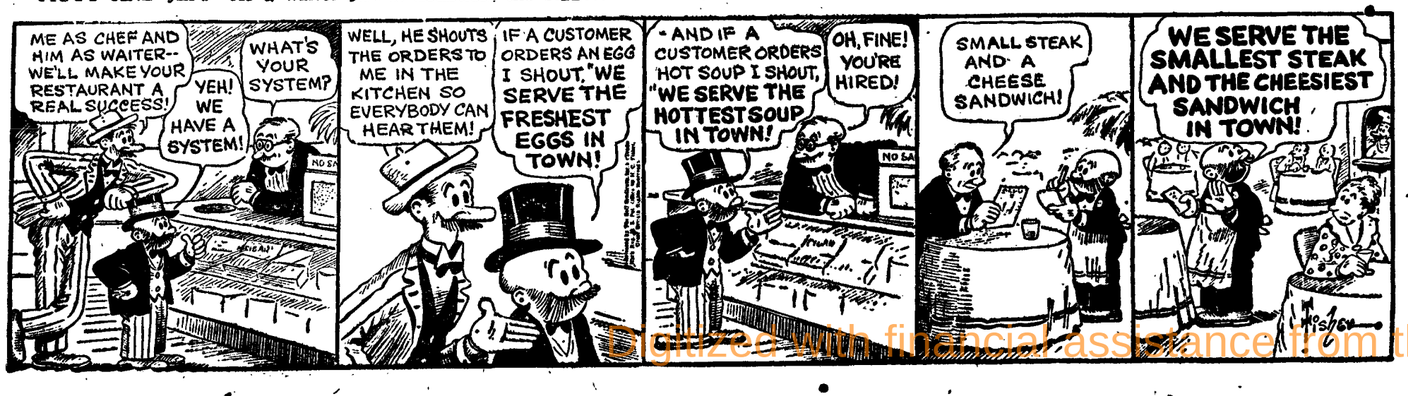
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PUBLIC NOTICES

APPEAL TO GENERAL PUBLIC

SINCE JANUARY 1945, sporadic cases of Cholera have occurred in Nasik City, and the epidemic has flared up suddenly during this week.

Due to Sinhastha, Ram Navami, and Adhik Fairs pilgrims are pouring into the City every day and though the Municipality started Anti-Cholera Inoculations in January 1945, it has not been able to control the situation. The reasons for the same are: (1) shortage of drinking water, and (2) shortage of water for bathing in the river bed. This is due to the river bed being dried for facilitating construction of the Water Supply Improvement Scheme.

Public are therefore, requested that except on most essential business, no-body should visit Nasik at least for a period of two months or till the time the Cholera situation is under control.

(Sd.) P. A. NIMANEE,
President,
Municipal Borough, Nasik.

Municipal Office,
Nasik: 6-4-1945.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

THE BOMBAY CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS FUNCTIONS LICENSING AND INFORMATION ORDER

ORDER

FINANCE DEPARTMENT
(SUPPLY)

Bombay Castle, 5th April 1945.

No. C. R. 45—In exercise of the powers conferred by rule 81 of the Defence of India Rules and of all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the Government of Bombay is pleased to make the following Order, namely:—

1. (1) This Order may be called the Bombay Catering Establishments Functions Licensing and Information Order, 1945.

(2) It extends to the whole of the Province of Bombay.

(3) It shall come into force in the City of Bombay and the Bombay Suburban District with effect from the 15th day of April 1945, and in any other area on such date as the Provincial Government may, by notification in the "Official Gazette", appoint in this behalf for that area.

2. (a) "Catering Establishment" includes a caterer and the person in charge of a hotel, restaurant, eating house, cafe, tea shop, coffee stall, free feeding centre and every other place of refreshment open to the public, club, canteen or other similar establishment.

(b) "Licensed catering establishment" means a catering establishment authorised under subclause (1) of clause 3 of the Bombay Rationing Order, 1943, or licensed under clause 4 of this Order.

(c) "Licensing authority" means in the City of Bombay and the Bombay Suburban District the Controller of Rationing and elsewhere such officer as may be authorised by the Provincial Government in that behalf.

3. No catering establishment other than a licensed catering establishment shall, at or in connection with any party, entertainment or function, serve, distribute or provide for consumption outside its premises any (a) eatable, (b) milk or (c) beverage other than tea or coffee in the preparation of which milk has been used.

4. A licence for the purposes of clause 3 may be granted to any catering establishment on an application made to the licensing authority.

5. The licensing authority may, at any time after making such inquiry as may be deemed necessary without assigning any reason, add to, amend, suspend or cancel a licence granted under clause 4.

6. No licensed catering establishment shall, at or in connection with any party, entertainment, or function, serve, distribute or provide for consumption outside its premises any—

(a) eatable,
(b) milk, or
(c) beverage other than tea or coffee in the preparation of which milk has been used,

for more than twenty persons at a time, unless in respect of each such party, entertainment or function not less than 7 days written notice has been given to the licensing authority in accordance with the provisions of clause 7. The licensed catering establishments shall retain and preserve a duplicate copy of the notice for not less than seven days after the date on which the party, entertainment or function, as the case may be, is held, and on demand produce it for inspection by any officer authorised by the Provincial Government for the purpose of clause 19 of the Bombay Rationing Order, 1943.

7. A notice required to be given under clause 6 shall be signed and dated both by the catering establishment and the person or persons arranging the party, entertainment or function and shall contain the following particulars, namely:—

(1) name of the catering establishment and address of its place of business;
(2) full name and residential address of the person in charge of the place of business;
(3) foodgrains ration permit number, if any, of the catering establishment;
(4) sugar ration permit number, if any, of the catering establishment;
(5) the name and address of the person arranging the party, entertainment or function;
(6) (a) the date and hours of commencement and completion of the party, entertainment or function, and (b) the place where it is to be held;
(7) a list of the articles or dishes proposed to be provided or served for consumption;
(8) the number of persons to be served.

8. Every licensed catering establishment shall—

(a) maintain in such form as the licensing authority may direct a register of the articles or dishes served, distributed or provided for consumption outside the premises of the establishment or in connection with any party, entertainment or function, and

(b) furnish in connection with such party, function or entertainment such information in its possession as the licensing authority may direct.

9. The Provincial Government may by special or general order exempt any catering establishment or class of catering establishments from all or any of the provisions of this Order.

By order of the Governor of Bombay,
A. D. GORWALA,
Secretary.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE

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NOTICE

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MANKODI & CO.,
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